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HISTORY OF SMOKY MOUNTAIN WRESTLING

NOVEMBER 11, 1991

Jim Cornette, Sandy Scott and Tim Horner have opened up a group called Smoky Mountain Wrestling with the first show on 10/30 in Greenville, SC taping two hours of television. Bob Caudle is doing the announcing, Bob Armstrong is the commissioner and some of the wrestlers included Bobby Fulton, Scott Armstrong, Paul Orndorff, Rip Rogers, Ivan Koloff, Stan Lane, Brian Lee, Barry Horowitz, Robert Gibson and Dutch Mantell. Ron Wright is a heel manager. The next television taping will be 11/27 in Morristown, TN.

DECEMBER 16, 1991

Best interview in recent memory was by Jim Cornette on the debut show of Smoky Mountain Wrestling. He goes off on the two big corporations, cartoon wrestling, steroids and more.

JANUARY 10, 1992

Smoky Mountain Wrestling has shows on 1/9 in Athens, TN; 1/10 in Morristown, TN and 1/11 in Knoxville with such names as Paul Orndorff, Terry Gordy, Danny Davis, Hector Guerrero, Jim Cornette, The Fantastics, Jerry Lynn, Jimmy Golden and many others.

MARCH 30, 1992

Smoky Mountain Wrestling will crown both singles and tag team champions on its first major show sometime in May in Knoxville, TN.

APRIL 6, 1992

Jim Cornette's Smoky Mountain Wrestling is running their first big show on 5/22 in Knoxville which will have an eight-man tournament to determine the first singles champion and the finals of the tag team tournament. The singles tournament tentatively has Brian Lee, Paul Orndorff, Tony Anthony, Robert Gibson, Jimmy Golden, Tim Horner, Scott Armstrong and Buddy Landel.

APRIL 20, 1992

Smokey Mountain Wrestling runs its first major show 5/22 in Knoxville with a tournament to crown the first Smokey Mountain champ. First round matches are scheduled to be Robert Gibson vs. Jimmy Golden, Paul Orndorff vs. Tim Horner, Brian Lee vs. Buddy Landel and Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong) vs. Tony Anthony. In addition, they'll have the finals of the ongoing tag team title tournament with The Fantastics (Jackie & Bobby Fulton) vs. Jim Cornette's Heavenly Bodies. Orndorff turned heel on 4/9 in Sneedville, TN by using the piledriver (which is illegal) on Hector Guerrero and half the rest of the world. Former NWA referee Tommy Young, who can't ref anymore because of a severe neck injury, is working with this group as the road manager. Bob Armstrong, who is the commissioner, did a hilarious interview about steroids saying that if you want to see steroid and other chemical freaks, watch another wrestling but if you want to see wrestlers stick with their group.

MAY 4, 1992

Jim Cornette's Heavenly Bodies (Tom Prichard & Stan Lane) became the first Smokey Mountain Wrestling tag team champions beating The Fantastics (Jackie & Bobby Fulton) in the tournament finals on 4/23 in Harrogate, TN. The title was supposed to be decided on the 5/22 show in Knoxville but The Fultons just found out they were going to be in Japan starting 5/16 so they had to speed up the process. To explain The Fantastics being gone for a month, they did an angle where they "injured" Jackie Fulton's knee. On the 5/22 Knoxville card, Lane & Prichard will defend the belts against The Party Patrol (Johnny & Davey Rich). In other results from the taping, Joey Maggs pinned Ben Jordan, Robert Gibson pinned Barry Horowitz, Doug Furnas pinned Joe Cazana, Tony Anthony pinned Jordan, Buddy Landel pinned Danny Davis, Landel won a \$5,000 Battle Royal by eliminating Tim Horner after throwing powder at him but afterwards the money was held up pending a singles match between the two because of how Landel won, Brian Lee pinned Anthony, Horner pinned Landel to win the \$5,000 but Landel jumped him after the match, tore up the check and shoved it down his throat. Bob Holly, who was being groomed to be one of the area's top heels, has quit the wrestling business partially because he's a full-time welder and his boss was tired of him taking days off to drive from Pensacola to wherever this group and Buck Robley's group ran shows. The stuff with Landel that took place at the taping was originally planned for Holly.

MAY 11, 1992

Smoky Mountain Wrestling on 5/17 in Beckley, WV is billing Killer Kyle (Mark Kyle) & Joe Cazana vs. The Batten Twins, Bob Holly (who has since quit wrestling) vs. Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong), Tim Horner vs. Buddy Landel, Robert Gibson vs. Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee vs. Tony Anthony (managed by Ron Wright) with Bob Armstrong as guest referee and The Heavenly Bodies (Tom Prichard & Stan Lane) managed by Jim Cornette vs. Bobby & Jackie Fulton (who will be in Japan so suspect it'll be Davey & Johnny Rich).

JUNE 1, 1992

Smoky Mountain Wrestling, run by Jim Cornette, Sandy Scott and Tim Horner, ran its first attempt at a major show called the "Volunteer Slam" on 5/22 in Knoxville before approximately 1,000 fans, which is a few more than WCW drew a little more than a week earlier in the same building, and a few less than WWF drew two days earlier. The show was taped for home video with one of the announcers being former wrestler Les Thatcher. The headline event was the one-night tournament to crown the first SMW champion, won by Brian Lee, beating Paul Orndorff via DQ in the finals. The finish saw a ref bump, and with the ref down, Bob Armstrong (SMW commissioner) tried to revive the ref. At this point Tony Anthony and Buddy Landel tried to interfere and Armstrong managed to cut them off. Orndorff pulled out a chain and twice tried to use it on Lee, who cut him off, and the ref wound up getting up and seeing Orndorff with the chain and disqualified him. Complete results from the show saw: 1. Joey Maggs & Hector Guerrero beat Rip Rogers & Barry Horowitz when Guerrero pinned Horowitz with a small package \*\*1/4; 2. In the first SMW tourney match, Tony Anthony, managed by Ron

Wright, pinned Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong) in 13:00 holding the tights \*1/4; 3. Also in the tourney, Lee pinned Landel with a small package \*1/4; 4. Orndorff pinned Horner in 18:00 with his feet on the ropes. \*1/2; 5. Robert Gibson pinned Jimmy Golden 3/4\*; 6. In the second round, Lee, who juiced a gusher, pinned Anthony \*\*; 7. Orndorff pinned Gibson with a roll-up 3/4\*; 8. The Heavenly Bodies (Stan Lane & Tom Prichard) retained the SMW tag team titles beating The Party Patrol (Johnny & Davey Rich) when Lane pinned Johnny Rich after Prichard gave him an enzuigiri with a loaded boot \*\*1/2; 9. Lee beat Orndorff via DQ to win the SMW title \*3/4. The show ended with a wild brawl with all the faces and heels fighting amongst one another.

Smoky Mountain taped television on 5/25 in Spartanburg, SC before 400 fans paying \$5 per head. Top angle is Brian Lee, the new champion, feuding with both Tony Anthony and Paul Orndorff. Robert Gibson and Jimmy Golden continue to feud. Robert Fuller may be headed in but didn't appear on television. Mark Kyle is doing a mafia hit-man gimmick as Killer Kyle. Tag champs Stan Lane & Tom Prichard are feuding with the Batten Twins, New Fantastics (who are currently in Japan) and Party Patrol (Johnny & Davey Rich). Lee wrestled Anthony in a double juice television match with Orndorff doing a run-in and Hector Guerrero attempted the save however Anthony caught Guerrero and hung him by his own tie over the ropes. Danny Davis was in as Nitro Danny Davis. Best match saw Lane & Prichard beat Tim Horner & Gibson in a \*\*\*1/2 match when Buddy Landel posted Horner who was pinned. All the cars in the parking lot were papered for a Herb Abrams show in the same building on 6/19 headlined by Bob Orton defending the "UWF Southern States title" against Orndorff, and also advertised were Dan Spivey, Butch Reed, Ivan Koloff, Jimmy Valiant, Pez Whatley, Night Stalker, Steve Ray and Barry "Star of David" Horowitz from Tel Aviv, Israel.

JUNE 15, 1992

Some weekend results: 6/7 in Beckley, WV saw Hector Guerrero pin Killer Kyle (Mark Kyle), Danny Davis over Dutch Mantell, Robert Gibson beat Joe Cazana, Buddy Landel over Tim Horner, Brian Lee kept the SMW title beating Tony Anthony via DQ and Heavenly Bodies (Tom Prichard & Stan Lane managed by Jim Cornette) kept the SMW tag team titles beating The Batten Twins in a no Dq match.

6/6 in Harlan, KY saw Guerrero over Cazana, Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong) beat Mantell, Horner & Gibson beat Jimmy Golden & Landel, Lee pinned Anthony to keep the title and Heavenly Bodies beat Johnny & Davey Rich.

6/5 in Knoxville saw Dynamite beat Mantell, Anthony over Joey Maggs, Gibson beat Kyle, Landel beat Horner for the "\$5,000 Battle Royal money", Heavenly Bodies beat Johnny & Davey Rich and Lee beat Paul Orndorff via DQ.

6/4 in Taznall, VA saw Gibson win a Battle Royal, Gibson & Horner beat Heavenly Bodies in a non-title match, Battens beat Golden & Mantell, Lee pinned Anthony, Guerrero beat Landel via DQ and Dynamite pinned Kyle.

Line-up for 7/2 in Paintsville, KY has 12 man Battle Royal, Heavenly Bodies vs. Fantastics, Lee vs. Anthony, Horner vs. Landel, Gibson vs. Golden and Dynamite vs. Cazana.

JUNE 22, 1992

Smoky Mountain Wrestling drew 250 on 6/8 in Blountville, TN as Jimmy Golden drew Danny Davis \*1/4, Hector Guerrero

pinned Dutch Mantell when Mantell first got the pin using the ropes but Brian Lee told the ref and they re-started the match and Guerrero won \*\*, Tim Horner pinned Buddy Landel \*3/4, Lee pinned Tony Anthony 1/4\* and Bobby & Jackie Fulton beat Stan Lane & Tom Prichard via DQ in 25:47 when Jim Cornette interfered to retain the SMW tag team titles \*\*1/4. Crowd was into cheering the heels and the comedy of Mantell, Cornette and Landel made the show.

JUNE 29, 1992

Got a chance to see about a half-dozen of this group's television shows. As a change of pace they were some of the most enjoyable television shows I've seen. Basic downside of the group is they have no wrestlers with main event charisma even though Jim Cornette's interviews are as good as ever and Dutch Mantell is one of the better color commentators. The babyface side is lacking as Brian Lee (SMW champ) just can't carry the ball at the top. The Fulton brothers, Tim Horner and Robert Gibson all seem like nice enough normal individuals but lack star charisma. The bit with Ron Wright (Tony Anthony's manager) in a wheelchair begging for money on television to pay for his operation is great, as is Bob Armstrong as the slightly disheveled commissioner in a role somewhat similar to Bill Watts in WCW. Buddy Landel's interviews are also a bright spot. He did one about not being in the major leagues because his lips weren't pressed up against the rear ends of any big shots that was a scream. They did videos to introduce the Heavenly Bodies where a guy named Phil Raney, who I believe is a local sportscaster, came with Cornette to find his new tag team. Raney did some of the best straight-man stuff as every video ended with girls surrounding the guys and you couldn't see who they were. In one of the videos, Raney and Cornette were in a limo going to the Bodies training headquarters (which turned out to be a local Hooters night club) and the driver of the limo got them lost and Cornette got all frustrated at the driver whose name was "Herd" and made an inside comment about him screwing things up.

6/21 in Beckley, WV saw The Batten Twins beat Joe Cazana & Killer Kyle (Mark Kyle), Jimmy Golden beat Robert Gibson, Anthony beat Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong), Horner beat Buddy Landel via count out, Lee beat Paul Orndorff via DQ and Heavenly Bodies (Stan Lane & Tom Prichard) beat Fantastics (Fulton Brothers).

6/20 in Bluefield, WV saw Gibson over Cazana, Anthony beat Dynamite, Horner pinned Landel, Bodies beat Battens and Lee beat Orndorff via DQ.

6/13 in Morristown, TN saw Hector Guerrero pin Cazana 1/2\*, Dynamite pinned Kyle DUD, Gibson pinned Golden \*, Horner pinned Landel \*\*, Fantastics beat Prichard & Cornette \*\* and Lee beat Anthony via DQ with Bob Armstrong as special ref which ended with Landel and Horner in the ring \*\*.

JULY 13, 1992

7/2 in Paintsville, KY drew 500 fans as Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong) pinned Joe Cazana, Robert Gibson pinned Jimmy Golden, Tim Horner pinned Buddy Landel, Brian Lee pinned Dirty White Boy to keep the SMW title and The Fantastics (Bobby & Jackie Fulton) beat the Heavenly Bodies (Tom Prichard & Stan Lane) via DQ when Jim Cornette interfered so the Bodies kept the SMW tag titles and Jackie Fulton won a 12 man Battle Royal.

7/3 in Sneedville, TN drew a bad crowd with the same results except this time Horner & Dynamite split the Battle Royal.

7/4 in Williamson, WV drew a bad crowd as Dynamite pinned Cazana, White Boy pinned Horner (no-show Budrow Landel lived up to his name here), Fantastics beat Bodies via DQ, Lee pinned White Boy and Horner won Battle Royal.

They are giving Ron Garvin a big push on TV and showed the match where he beat Ric Flair for the NWA title and another match from more than 10 years ago where Andre the Giant sold huge for him. Apparently there was a dressing room brawl angle with the Bodies and Fantastics that made for some great television to lead up to street fights between the two teams.

Next major show is 7/17 in Knoxville called Summer Blast with Garvin & Lee vs. Paul Orndorff & White Boy, Golden vs. Gibson, Bodies vs. Fantastics in a street fight and Horner vs. Landel in a strap match.

JULY 20, 1992

The television show that airs this coming Saturday was taped on 7/6 in Benton, TN before 200 fans. Commissioner Bob Armstrong talked about a match on 8/8 in Johnson City, TN between The Heavenly Bodies (Stan Lane & Tom Prichard) vs. Fantastics (Bobby & Jackie Fulton) in a barbed wire cage match with Armstrong as referee. Brian Lee talked about his SMW title defense against Dirty White Boy on the same card with the title up against White Boy leaving town and White Boy freaked out until Armstrong showed him he'd signed an open contract. Robert Gibson had a singles match against Jimmy Golden ending when Robert Fuller debuted and he and Golden destroyed Gibson. They announced an I Quit match for Johnson City between Tim Horner and Buddy Landel and Horner mentioned Landel had disappeared (to explain his recent no-show). Television main event was Dixie Dynamite vs. Killer Kyle (doing the Big Bubba gimmick) with the mask against the violin case. Dynamite won the match and got the violin case and opened it up and the only thing inside was a roll of tape. Kyle jumped him, pulled out the tape and taped up his fists and destroyed Dynamite. Fuller and Golden came out at the end of the show and said they'd destroyed Gibson for good. Ricky Morton will be coming in and reforming The Rock & Roll Express with Gibson to feud with Fuller & Golden.

7/10 in Whitesville, VA saw Hector Guerrero beat Golden via DQ, Gibson beat Joe Cazana, Horner pinned Landel, Lee pinned White Boy to keep SMW belt and Bodies beat Fantastics via DQ to keep SMW tag belts.

7/11 in Morristown, TN saw Golden pin Guerrero, Gibson pinned Cazana, Horner pinned White Boy, Lee pinned Landel and Bodies beat Fantastics in a no dq match to keep the tag titles.

7/12 free show in Durango Park in Knoxville which included the Miss Smoky Mountain Wrestling bikini contest saw Fantastics beat Kyle & Cazana, Lee pinned White Boy and Gibson & Horner beat Bodies in a non-title match when Jim Cornette's interference backfired.

At least one jobber who works for both this group and WCW was told by WCW he wouldn't be used as a jobber anymore if he continued to work for this group. Pretty easy to figure out what that's all about.

JULY 27, 1992

7/17 Knoxville drew the largest crowd in the history of the young promotion, roughly 1,000, and the largest gate, which

was probably in the \$6-7,000 range. Complete results saw Killer Kyle draw with Danny Davis, Dutch Mantell pinned Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong), Jimmy Golden beat Robert Gibson via DQ when Gibson pinned Golden but Golden put a chain in Gibson's tights and told the ref who saw the chain and reversed the decision, Buddy Landel beat Tim Horner in a strap match, The Heavenly Bodies (Stan Lane & Tom Prichard) won a street fight from The Fantastics (Bobby & Jackie Fulton) in what was said to be a legit \*\*\*\*\* and easily the best match in the history of the company and Ron Garvin & Brian Lee beat Paul Orndorff & Dirty White Boy but after the match Orndorff laid out Garvin with a piledriver.

They'll announce on television this coming weekend that Ricky Morton is coming in to team with Robert Gibson and feud with Golden & Robert Fuller.

7/18 in Whitesville, VA saw Dynamite pin The Galaxian (Davis), Brian Mathews (a local DJ) beat Mad Dog, Gibson pinned Golden, Horner beat Landel in a strap match, Bodies beat Fantastics in a street fight and Garvin & Lee beat Orndorff & White Boy when Lee pinned Orndorff.

7/19 in Beckley, WV saw Dynamite pin Galaxian, Golden beat Gibson via DQ, Horner beat Landel in a strap match, Bodies went to a simultaneous pin draw with Fantastics in a street fight when one ref counted Jackie pinning Stan but the other ref counted Prichard pinning Bobby to set up a match next time with Bob Armstrong as the ref, and finale saw Garvin & Lee beat Orndorff & White Boy.

No cards scheduled for this coming week.

A correction from last week. No jobbers were told by WCW that they can't work jobs for SMW, there was just an instance where a specific jobber had booked himself for both groups and he chose to work for WCW after previously committing to SMW.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1992

Dirty White Boy (Tony Anthony) captured the Smoky Mountain title on 8/8 in Johnson City, TN on a spectacular entitled "Fire on the Mountain" which got major rave reviews, plus The Fantastics (Bobby & Jackie Fulton) won the SMW tag team titles beating The Heavenly Bodies in a barbed wire cage match the same night in which three different correspondents all rated as five stars.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1992

The Heavenly Bodies (Stan Lane & Tom Prichard) regained the SMW tag titles on 8/10 in Benton, TN from Bobby & Jackie Fulton when Jim Cornette put Bobby out with ether on a towel after several ref bumps.

The bout aired on television over this past weekend and Cornette was said to have done one of his most classic interviews. In order to get the match, Cornette had to put up \$20,000 in cash (Fultons didn't trust a Cornette check) and when his team won, Cornette threw the money (legit, they brought out the VP from a local bank for authenticity) and rolled around in a sea of 20's in the ring celebrating.

Night Stalker (Bryan Clark) debuted doing a run-in on 9/5 in Kingsport, TN on Brian Lee, causing him to lose a title rematch with Dirty White Boy.

The Southern Boys (Tracy Smothers & Steve Armstrong) debut at the next TV tapings on 9/21 in Sneedville, TN while there are rumors about Kevin Sullivan and Terry Taylor headed in.

They are building Tim Horner for title shots against White Boy, and Rock & Roll Express for tag title shots with Heavenly Bodies.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1992

8/22 in Beckley, WV drew 250 fans as Tom Prichard pinned Danny Davis \*\*1/2, Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong) beat Killer Kyle via DQ in a boxing match \*\*1/2, Paul Orndorff beat Ron Garvin via DQ in a 2/3 fall match \*\*\*1/2, Dirty White Boy retained the SMW title beating Brian Lee in a Texas death match. White Boy took the first four falls, Lee the next three and in the eighth fall, a mysterious stranger (Mongolian Mauler) showed up and knocked Lee out \*\*\* and Rock & Roll Express beat Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden \*\*\*\*. Return date is 9/6 with Orndorff vs. Garvin with two referees, Morton & Gibson vs. Fuller & Golden in a stretcher match, Heavenly Bodies (Prichard & Stan Lane) & Kyle vs. Lee & Horner & Dynamite.

Aside from Mongolian Mauler, rumor has it that Kevin Sullivan will be coming in.

Buddy Landel is gone. What a surprising bit of news that turned out to be.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1992

Jim Cornette was no doubt pulling out his hair when WWF brought in Terry Taylor and Steve Armstrong for the TV taping 9/20 in Winnipeg. Cornette had a taping the same night in Sneedville, TN and was scheduled to run a big angle bringing back The Southern Boys (Armstrong & Tracy Smothers) with a huge push as a top babyface team.

OCTOBER 5, 1992

No house shows this week.

On Saturday's television, Ron Wright said that he wasn't going to allow Dirty White Boy to give Tim Horner any SMW title shots even though Horner beat him in the non-title match that aired the previous week. Horner said it was in the contract that if he won a non-title match he'd get a title match but Wright claimed he had arthritis and couldn't even sign the contract. While this was going on, White Boy destroyed Horner with a chair and hung him over the rope. Horner had bloody coming out of his mouth. Commissioner Bob Armstrong was so mad that he told White Boy that he was giving Horner as many title shots as he wanted.

Armstrong also noted that they had identified the mystery wrestler who had been attacking Brian Lee as the Mongolian Mauler but they had yet to identify the second man (Night Stalker, even though he had the initials "N.S." on his tights).

Robert Fuller did an interview for upcoming matches with the Rock & Roll Express claiming that they were like Guns'n'Roses--nothing but drug addicts--but and he was like Elvis Presley, who wouldn't touch any of that stuff.

Early October house show line-ups go something like this: White Boy vs. Horner for SMW title, Lee vs. Mongolian Mauler,

Heavenly Bodies vs. Rock & Roll Express for SMW tag title and Fuller & Jimmy Golden vs. Bobby & Jackie Fulton.

OCTOBER 12, 1992

On television this week, Paul Orndorff had a match with Danny Davis with Davis coming out wearing a Paula T-shirt. Orndorff annihilated Davis until Ron Garvin came out and stole Orndorff's robe and started walking around the modeling it. Orndorff started yelling at Garvin about the robe until Davis recovered and pinned him. Garvin also left the building still wearing the robe.

They replayed last week's angle where Dirty White Boy hung Tim Horner and Horner did an interview with robe burns on his throat. Then White Boy and Ron Wright came out drinking beer, although Wright said he was drinking near beer because he doesn't drink. The two were laughing about what they did to Horner when Horner came out and grabbed White Boy and ran him into the wall. He then went after Wright in the wheelchair and was stalking him until White Boy came from behind and crashed the beer bottle over his head. Horner juiced like crazy and Horner's wife came running out of the stands to check on him. Bob Armstrong said he was fining both men "\$2,500" which is the largest fine he can levy. Then Jim Cornette came out and said he had gotten a court injunction barring Armstrong from signing anymore title matches with the Heavenly Bodies against Rock & Roll Express as long as the Bodies continue to regularly defend the titles because the Bodies beat the Express on television a few weeks back. Cornette then said they had title shots upcoming against some prelim wrestlers. Armstrong said SMW also had lawyers and they would work to overturn the injunction.

TV main event saw Brian Lee vs. Killer Kyle with the Bodies interfering for the DQ and they went 3-on-1 until The Rock & Rolls made the save. As Lee got a hold of Cornette, a Samoan wrestler who works indies around Knoxville jumped and attacked Lee.

The guy who is sending all the threatening letters to Lee and Bob Armstrong is supposed to show up to meet Armstrong face-to-face at the 10/12 television tapings in Haysai, VA, who no doubt is Kevin Sullivan.

Mongolian Mauler disappeared, no-showing all his house show matches with Lee, and he was replaced by Night Stalker (Bryan Clark).

This group lost its TV in Beckley, WV until Thanksgiving so was forced to cancel all its house shows in that city until the end of the year. Because of that, they only ran one show this past weekend, in Knoxville, drawing about 650.

This TV is in storyline and pacing fashion, almost exactly like early 1980s Mid South Wrestling.

OCTOBER 19, 1992

The television show this week opened with Tim Horner doing an interview bandaged up saying he had suffered a concussion from being hit with the bottle by Dirty White Boy and was told not to wrestle for a few weeks but said he wanted White Boy so bad he was going to wrestle his scheduled house show bouts to gain revenge. White Boy's manager Ron Wright then claimed that White Boy was simply acting in self defense and that some of the glass caught his eye and that now he may be going blind.

Ron Garvin came out with the robe he stole from Paul Orndorff, but cut it like a dress and wore it around and kept saying it was the robe of Miss Wonderful, Paula Orndorff. Orndorff came out but was held from going after Garvin.

Television main saw The Heavenly Bodies keep the tag titles beating Danny Davis & Dixie Dynamite when Tom Prichard kicked Dynamite with his loaded boot.

Bob Armstrong did an interview and had another letter from the mystery man called The Master (Kevin Sullivan) and said that the reason he hasn't been able to eliminate Brian Lee is because whenever Lee gets in trouble, his friends save him so he's now putting a bounty out on anyone who saves Lee as well as Lee. The local Samoan attacked Lee as did Night Stalker but Rock & Roll Express made the save.

Tracy Smothers was also scheduled to debut at the 10/12 tapings.

Rock & Roll announced they had a surprise for Cornette next week.

At the house shows, Rock & Roll have been beating Bodies in non-title matches because of the "court injunction" that bans Armstrong for signing Rock & Roll to any tag matches.

OCTOBER 26, 1992

On television this week, Bob Armstrong offered "The Master" (who has yet to be revealed on television as Kevin Sullivan) a deal that if he calls off the bounty on Brian Lee, he'll give him as much air time as he needs to air his grievances.

Ron Garvin came out and cut Paul Orndorff's robe even shorter and now claimed it was a smoking jacket.

Danny Davis got in the ring for a squash match but Paul Orndorff jumped him and beat him up with a piledriver and Davis was carried out. To sell the injury, at the only SMW house show this past week in Morristown, TN, it was announced Davis couldn't appear because of the injury. Armstrong fined Orndorff "\$2,500" for using the piledriver. The Rock & Roll Express came out and said they had a photo of Jim Cornette's mother, and showed a photo of a bloodhound wearing a wig and a dress. Cornette then went berserk, as did the Heavenly Bodies. Lane & Prichard challenged Rock & Rolls to a match and Armstrong said he'd be happy to sign the match for the title. When the titles were mentioned, Lane & Prichard backed off but Cornette accepted saying his mother's honor was worth more than even the title belts. Lane & Prichard tried to talk him out of it.

The only other angle saw Ron Wright claim that two weeks ago Tim Horner hit him over the head with the beer bottle (actually it was Dirty White Boy who hit Horner). Wright claimed the videotape on television was doctored. Tim Horner came out to challenge White Boy but Armstrong told Horner not to fight because he had a "concussion." Horner then jumped White Boy and the show went off the air with the two brawling.

At the house shows, they are running Battle Royals where fans try to pick the winner and whomever puts their name into the box of the winner, the wrestler then picks one name out of the box and that person wins a prize like a TV or a VCR.

Tracy Smothers apparently got over big at the TV that was taped 10/12 in Haysi, VA. Kevin Sullivan debuted and did a bloodfest on the body of Brian Lee.

Lee has signed a deal to work every Oriental Pro Wrestling tour, so he'll be gone a lot from here.

NOVEMBER 2, 1992

Only one house show this past weekend on 10/24 in Johnson City which drew about 300 and this weekend there are no house shows.

Tracy Smothers debuted on television this weekend doing an interview saying that he'd been in WCW for two-and-a-half years and the guys in the office told him that the Southern Boy image wasn't any good for a national promotion and told him to say he's from Wyoming and he said he's never even been to Wyoming. He blamed his heel turn on the fans in the North booing him and said he got frustrated and started breaking the rules and said that Bob Armstrong called and said he was like a fifth son to him and to get his head on straight and get on the right path and said he wants to be known as Southern Boy Tracy Smothers again.

Dirty White Boy and Ron Wright were doing an interview when Tim Horner came out and when Horner showed up, White Boy ran pushing Wright in his wheelchair to the dressing room in front of him.

Bob Armstrong came out and talked with Night Stalker (6-7) and Molokai the Grim Reaper (a 6-8 guy from Pittsburgh) who had a letter from "The Master" (Kevin Sullivan). The Master agreed to appear on television under two conditions. First, Brian Lee has to wrestle Night Stalker and beat him, and second, Lee has to meet him face-to-face. Stalker and Reaper then pulled out a tombstone with Lee's name on it. Since Lee will be appearing regularly in Japan for Oriental Pro, he'll be in and out of here.

The TV main event was scheduled to be the tag team title match with Heavenly Bodies defending against Rock & Roll Express since Rock & Roll insulted Jim Cornette's mother. They tried to stall with the story that Robert Gibson's mother had surgery and Morton asked Bob Armstrong to postpone the match until next week. Cornette came out and said the contract was for this week and this was the only week they could get a title match. Finally Morton agreed to go in for a handicap match against both of them after Cornette called Ricky's father a drunk. Morton was double-teamed and juiced really bad until Gibson "showed up" in street clothes, but Killer Kyle ran in as well and the Express was left in the ring destroyed.

They announced Danny Davis was injured (which is why he's full-time in USWA) due to Orndorff's piledriver.

Orndorff had a TV match against Dixie Dynamite which ended with Ron Garvin coming out wearing Orndorff's robe and Orndorff chased him and lost the match via count out.

NOVEMBER 9, 1992

No house shows this week.

On this week's television show, The Rock & Roll Express came out for an interview and said they were told by commissioner Bob Armstrong that because of what happened last week that all future Express vs. Heavenly Bodies matches would be title matches.

Robert Gibson is doing a gimmick where his hand is injured from the brawl last week where the Bodies and Killer Kyle jumped on him and Ricky Morton.

The Smoky Mountain board of directors, which consists of, for television purposes, Bob Armstrong, Mark Curtis and Sandy Scott, voted 2-1 to let The Master on television next week with Scott casting the dissenting vote. Brian Lee beat The Night Stalker on television in a match said to be better than it sounds. After a ref bump, Grim Reaper tried to interfere but it backfired and Lee schoolboyed Stalker after Reaper clobbered him.

Between his Japanese commitments and working a WWF try-out in Louisville on 10/28, one wonders about Lee's long-term future here.

Jim Cornette did an interview explaining why they injured Gibson's hand. He explained that Gibson's mother is deaf (which is true) and he didn't want Gibson talking to her anymore.

They did an interview with Danny Davis at home undergoing therapy from the piledriver by Paul Orndorff and Davis said he'd be back as soon as possible. Orndorff then said he was going to break his neck with a piledriver as soon as he comes back.

In the first Dream match for the November sweeps, Ron Garvin wrestled Kyle. Orndorff attacked Garvin for the DQ finish and tried to steal back his robe but before he could get it, Dixie Dynamite came out and grabbed the robe and took it to the dressing room.

Cornette told the ring announcer this week that he looked like Nick Gulas' illegitimate son.

They announced next week's dream match as Bobby Fulton vs. Jackie Fulton, and when they were doing an interview talking about having a scientific match, Robert Fuller and Jimmy Golden interrupted them and challenged them.

Tim Horner's interviews are surprisingly not bad for his feud with White Boy.

Tracy Smothers did a great interview on the 10/24 television show when he debuted talking about how people in the WCW office told him to say he was from Cheyenne, Wyoming and say he was Young Pistol because they didn't want a Southern Boy character on their national show. It was hilarious with Smothers saying, "I've never even been to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and I don't reckon I'll ever go."

NOVEMBER 16, 1992

Kevin Sullivan's debut aired this past weekend on television. Dutch Mantell opened the show and said there was a van in the parking lot with followers all around it. At the end of the show, Sullivan came out and when Lee tried to jump him, Sullivan threw a fireball in his face and then massacred him with a spike. In reality, Lee pulled out a blade and as he was doing the dirty deed, Sullivan kicked his hand which jabbed the blade in so deep a bucket of blood was pouring out. Night Stalker and Grim Reaper (Rob Monroe from Pittsburgh) kept all the jobbers from making the save until a cameraman ran in and Sullivan kicked him. Bob Caudle even went to the ring to attempt to make the save but before he got there the face dressing room emptied out. Lee did a stretcher job. Bob Armstrong came out to finish the show saying that Sullivan was banned for life (life sentences in this part of the country must have the possibility of parole in two weeks).

Earlier in the show, Dirty White Boy won a squash and kept beating on the guy and challenging Tim Horner until Horner made the save, White Boy ran. Horner then confronted Ron Wright and spun his wheelchair around and around until he was dizzy.

Danny Davis did an interview "from home" with a neck brace on saying he couldn't wrestle for a while but he would be in Ron Garvin's corner for his matches against Paul Orndorff. Orndorff said that he could beat both men at the same time, which will set up a series of handicap matches for the Thanksgiving Thunder tour. The tour will have shows 11/26 in Hazzard, KY, 11/27 in Welch, WV, 11/28 in Johnson City and 11/29 in Knoxville. The Heavenly Bodies and Rock & Roll Express will have four title matches, a falls count anywhere match, a street fight, a barbed wire match and a death match, Kevin Sullivan vs. Mongolian Stomper, Horner vs. White Boy, Garvin & Davis vs. Orndorff and Bobby & Jackie Fulton vs. Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden, although Jackie Fulton is scheduled for the All Japan tag tourney so that'll have to be changed.

The television dream match saw Bobby vs. Jackie Fulton which saw them trade hold on the mat. Fuller & Golden came out and said the match was so boring. After the obligatory accidental ref bump, Fuller hit Bobby with a foreign object but Jackie wouldn't pin him and instead chased Fuller & Golden out.

White Boy and Horner had a really wild match in Knoxville on 11/8 brawling all over to a double count out in a no DQ match. The Rock & Roll vs. Bodies title matches either have seen the Bodies win when Jim Cornette hits Robert Gibson with the racquet, or the R&R win via DQ so the Bodies kept the belts.

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Rock & Roll Express won the SMW tag title from the Heavenly Bodies on 11/13 in Harlan, KY in a hospital elimination match. The rules are that as soon as someone bleeds, he's eliminated. Robert Gibson bled first, leaving Ricky Morton two-on-one, however Stan Lane and Tom Prichard both bled before he did to allow them to capture the title. They retained the belts on 11/14 in Morristown, TN. The idea for the title change is to get the idea in people's minds that the title can change hands anywhere, even without television cameras, and Harlan, KY certainly qualifies as that.

Bob Armstrong lifted his "lifetime suspension" of Kevin Sullivan after a few days saying that the only way for Sullivan to get the punishment he deserves is for him to stay and have to wrestle. Armstrong then announced he's called up The Mongolian Stomper (57-year-old Archie Gouldie) to face Sullivan on the Thanksgiving tour. Armstrong, on an interview, claimed that one year ago Sullivan wanted to come into Smoky Mountain Wrestling and he wouldn't let him in and that no promoter in the United States will allow Sullivan to wrestle which is why he only works overseas. He then said that Sullivan's suspension was lifted from the arenas, but that he's still got a lifetime suspension for television (which will no doubt end as soon as he returns from Japan and is available on a day they shoot television). After Armstrong talked about Stomper, they showed a film clip from the mid-1970s of a bloodbath match between Stomper and Armstrong from the old Gulas promotion. They then aired a taped interview from Sullivan which had "paid advertisement" written on the screen. Sullivan and his followers were around a campfire with a tombstone with Brian Lee's name written on it and said Lee was only the beginning. Sullivan said the wrestling today in the big

federations is nothing but a kiddie show and he doesn't want to be a part of it because he doesn't like kids.

Armstrong also gave Paul Orndorff a note saying that his comments on television the previous week about being able to beat Danny Davis & Ron Garvin at the same time denoted a verbal contract and that he was booking a handicap match with them against him. Orndorff said he couldn't remember saying that and that he's just like Bill Clinton in that he just didn't remember what he said before.

Television main was Bobby & Jackie Fulton vs. Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden. After the obligatory ref bump, Dutch Mantell ran in as ref but was going down the line until the finish. As Jackie was on the top rope, Dutch pulled Golden out of the way and Jackie crashed to the mat and Mantell fast-counted as Golden pinned him.

Next week's TV main is Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette vs. Rock & Roll Express & Ron Garvin.

Killer Kyle (Mark Kyle) will be out of action for a while after being rear-ended. You know, his car, while he was driving.

NOVEMBER 30, 1992

The biggest angle of the week took place on 11/21 in Chilhowie, VA during a Rock & Roll Express vs. Heavenly Bodies SMW tag title match. During the finish, ring announcer Brian Mathews, who is a local DJ, got involved with Jim Cornette, causing him to accidentally hit Tom Prichard with the racquet so the Rock & Rolls won again. After the match Cornette & Bodies jumped Mathews and beat up on him to set up a six-man with Mathews & Rock & Roll vs. Cornette & Bodies on 12/5 in Marion, VA.

On 11/20 in Hurley, VA, because there were two no-shows in the undercard, commissioner Bob Armstrong said he felt they weren't giving fans what they promised and said he would wrestle against anyone on the card the fans wanted him to face, and they picked Cornette so they did a singles match with Armstrong winning.

On television, Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden made Dutch Mantell an honorary member of the Stud Stable because of the job he did the previous week as a referee.

Brian Lee did his first interview since being obliterated by Kevin Sullivan and they did a great make-up job on him.

Ron Garvin & Danny Davis said they had Paul Orndorff's robe in a bag and were going to raffle it off later in the show. Before this could happen, Orndorff came out and stole the bag but when he pulled out his robe, it was a negligee and Orndorff threw another fit.

After a Dirty White Boy squash, Tim Horner came out once again and attacked him. White Boy tried to run but several of the babyfaces came to ringside and acted as lumberjacks in the impromptu brawl which ended when Horner scored a clean pin on him in a non-title match.

Television main event was Rock & Roll & Garvin vs. Bodies & Cornette. Cornette sprayed something in Morton's eyes before the match so it was a 3-on-2 handicap match and I'll bet you'll never guess how it ends. Cornette was DQ'd for hitting Gibson with the racquet when Morton made the save wearing an eye patch.

DECEMBER 7, 1992

"You are now entering Knoxville Airport. Please set your watches back 15 years."

There's an old joke that goes something like that, although Morristown, TN, the town about 45 minutes north of Knoxville does seem to resemble the background in the "Back to the Future" movie when Michael J. Fox went back to when his parents were teenagers. So maybe it's apropos that's where the corporate headquarters of the promotion that puts out the most sought after American videotapes on the black market, the one that opens every show with the phrase, "Wrestling the way it used to be, and the way you like it," Smoky Mountain Wrestling.

The past few years haven't been kind ones to regional wrestling offices. Most have perished, burned by the "heat" of competing with an expanding supernova called the WWF. Only three offices from the previous two or three dozen regionals from the 70s still remain operating a full schedule of shows, Jerry Jarrett's Tennessee group and Ted Turner's World Championship Wrestling. One is run on a shoestring, with undercard wages approximating those of McDonalds workers, but with a lot harder traveling and more of a physical toll. One survives only because its backer is the richest man ever to be involved in ownership of a pro wrestling company. The other is the dominant group, which owns a bigger piece of an ever smaller pie.

The common theory among wrestling's wishful thinkers and those who remember the past more fondly than it really was is that somehow, someday, and in some way, it's all going back to territories. Why this would be the case when no new territory has lasted over the long haul in many years is never explained other than, that's the way it used to be. The key advantages to running national and thus looking more major league than a local group can look is the ability to open up more revenue streams than just the live house show gate--the ability to procure national advertising, cable television and national syndication leads to exposure everywhere which gives a company the opportunity to run national PPV events, which creates far more income potential for big shows than running house shows. Those aren't going away even if some, if not a great percentage of the ancillary merchandising and licensing revenue dries up as more and more fans switch to American Gladiators.

Some of those who have said it's going back to territories have tried to start their own, a few even with a decent amount of fanfare. Most have never gotten out of the starting gate. A few have gotten some television and have actually been seen, only to burn money faster than they originally thought was possible and vanished in a flash. One or two have even become viable promotions for a short period. None has stood the test of time.

Although Smoky Mountain Wrestling is just beginning its second year, it truly hasn't stood the test of time either. But its odds of survival are far better than virtually all its predecessors. Unlike any of the others, it consistently, albeit slowly, has gained in interest since the start, with increasing television ratings and house show attendance in the absolute worst time period in the history of this business to start out. It has not yet turned the corner on being profitable. It hasn't even done its first \$10,000 house. The company is in a weird position. It's gotten over several major hurdles that have tripped up most others that have tried the same journey. It's gotten too far to turn back now. But it's still facing a few more steep mountains

before Jim Cornette, Tim Horner and company can look down, take a deep breath and say this journey was a success.

Cornette, 31, grew up as one of the world's most hardcore wrestling fans. After being a photographer for the magazines, he broke into managing about a decade ago. He was, and still is, even though so few see him regularly enough to maintain the national publicity that some feel is needed for this statement, the greatest manager in the business today, and of all-time. In my own travels, I've encountered very few people, certainly no more than can be counted on one hand, who have the detailed knowledge of so many aspects of the booking and putting together of the finished in-ring product of pro wrestling. If I had most of my fingers cut off, that statement would still ring true.

It's that eye for detail that has made the weekly hour of Smoky Mountain, taped in elementary school gyms in towns nobody has ever heard of with a production budget a tiny fraction of the two majors, perhaps, and probably, the most entertaining hour of television produced in this country. There are minute details in many of the angles to look realistic, that scatterbrained unexpected feel from the announcers, cameramen and everyone involved during the major angles to make them look spontaneous that wouldn't be allowed by the majors because they would shun it as bad production values. Details are taken to the extreme to the point that after a street fight match Saturday night, Cornette was complaining aloud about the garbage can lid that everyone was being hit with not emoting the right pitch of ping. The ring is miked more effectively than from the major groups, which make every bump seem more dramatic. No promotion comes close when it comes to the quality of the local promos for upcoming house shows. Nobody would argue that judging from a pure storyline standpoint, having angles, begin, go through television and into the arenas, make complete sense, and segue onto the next story, there isn't a better booked promotion. WWF loses too many wrestlers in midstream and delves too far into unbelievable or ridiculous storylines to be compared. WCW, well, that comparison can't even be made. Having never seen a Smoky Mountain live show before Saturday night, I only had testimonials from the many readers who have attended. The reviews were generally favorable with a frequent conclusion being it isn't the greatest wrestling they've ever seen, but the live shows are better than those the two major offices have when they come into the same parts of the country.

The Thanksgiving Thunder tour started before 1,500 fans in Hazzard, KY on Thanksgiving night, just a little shy of a full house. About 400 of them were children under 12, who got in for 57 cents as part of a publicity tie-in with the local Ch. 57 which broadcasts the shows. Normal SMW prices are \$8, \$6 and \$5. To Cornette, Hazzard, KY symbolizes what he remembers as a kid growing up. A packed house in a small town high school gym with everyone cheering the faces. Fights in the stands. Among the wrestlers, the biggest story that came out of the card was when a woman fan hit a male fan with a chair, and the male proceeded to knock her out with a punch above the eye. Blood squirted, and the woman ended up carried out on a stretcher. As the story goes on, the woman's husband then went home to get a gun. Before the show ever took place, Cornette joked that Hazzard, which supposedly didn't even get television (not wrestling on television, television itself) until 1968, was the murder capital of the world. But, he noted, it wasn't a dangerous place to visit because "they only kill their own." On that evening, The Heavenly Bodies regained the SMW tag team titles they'd lost just a few days earlier from The Rock & Roll Express in a falls count anywhere match as phase one of what Cornette called "The Four Faces of Fear,"

four different gimmick matches each night of the tour. The finish came when Cornette sprayed ether on a towel and put Ricky Morton out with it.

Friday night was a town called Welch, WV. It was a late addition to the schedule when the basketball coach in the original site, a high school in Lenoir, NC, got the principal of the local high school that had agreed to do the show to change his mind because he was afraid of the damage a wrestling show would do to the gym floor. About 500 fans paid \$3,200 to see phase two, a Texas death match. After nine falls and 25:00, The Heavenly Bodies were unable to answer the bell for fall No. 10, thus the Rock & Roll Express regained the titles. A pattern was developing.

Lots of people have talked about the need for wrestling territories to develop future stars, and point to Smoky Mountain's role in the food chain as something to that effect. But one look at the roster says something completely different. SMW has the oldest wrestlers of any promotion of the past several years. You'd probably have to go back to the AWA of a decade ago to find a company in which such a great percentage of the key talent is past 40. The Mongolian Stomper (Archie Gouldie) was a main eventer in the early 60s and had a 15-year-old grandchild although his daily one hour match with the Stair Master has his body looking like a man 15 years younger. In reality, guys who get over based on bizarre characters can have a longer life expectancy in this business because they are characters than your pretty boy and athletic types, both of whom lose their luster as the age starts to show. Ron Garvin is 49, although he looks exactly the same as he looked 15 years ago and somehow his body, reflexes and offensive moves don't show the slowness and lack of spark that a normal wrestler has when they get to be close to that age. Paul Orndorff is 43 or 44. He doesn't look it either. Steroids or not, has the best physique of any wrestler in that age bracket that I can ever recall in this business, even with his one arm still way down from a 1986 nerve injury. Robert Fuller, Kevin Sullivan, Danny Davis, Dutch Mantell and Jimmy Golden are also past 40, although most of them look it. Stan Lane, Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson range from 35 to 40, and they all play the pretty boy roles. With the exception of Tracy Smothers, every other key pushed wrestler in the group is over 30.

Because of that, you don't have those moments that everyone vividly recalls on WWF and WCW house shows where matches are lost or spots are missed so badly that everyone in the building groans. And while all the wrestlers know how to do their character, most are good workers and all are fairly competent, you don't have that super charismatic personality that the major promotions have. Nor is there what one would call an incredible worker in the bunch. Well, Cornette is, but he's outside the ring. In the ring, the best of the group is probably Tom Prichard.

The wrestling the way it used to be and the way you like it crew were in Johnson City, TN on Saturday night, 11/28 at Freedom Hall. During the summer of 1986, The Rock & Roll Express and Midnight Express main evented for Jim Crockett Promotions in the same building, selling it out to the tune of \$102,000, still the all-time record in the city. This time the paid attendance was 975, almost none of which were kids under 12 and all of whom were white. In some cases, the heels seemed to be almost as popular as the faces to the crowd which was largely men in their 20s and 30s, a solid percentage of women. The crowd did look like the small-town wrestling crowds that are memories from another era, when wrestling was the way it used to be and the way you like it. However, the crowd

reactions weren't that out of control noise-fest fondly remembered when things were hot in that era. There were a few crowd pops, but not frequent. In between things were fairly silent. Even when the wrestlers started working the crowd, they'd get the quick reaction and it would die down, almost like a Japanese audience. Unlike a WCW and WWF show, the people were into every match. There were no fans walking around during the matches, even the prelims. No boring chants. No murmur of people talking with each other because the wrestlers were doing nothing in the ring interesting as often happens in WWF and WCW prelim matches. No groans at missed spots, mainly because there weren't many.

Robbie Eagle, a rookie from North Carolina, opened against Smothers, doing the Southern Boy gimmick, in a face vs. face match. Obviously Smothers went over in 7:19 with the Jawjacker (flying elbow drive) off the top rope. The two hugged after. \* Next up came Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden against Bobby Fulton & Dixie Dynamite (who subbed for Jackie Fulton, who was announced as having "transportation problems" which translated meant he was in Japan). This went 20:16. Fuller & Golden, who are cousins, have been around these parts for two decades and have turned from face to heel at least a dozen times. Their families go back in these parts since the beginnings of wrestling, and in many cases have owned the territory. The two got a surprising amount of cheers. Fuller is one of those veterans who has a good presence in the ring, even though he doesn't do much when he's in there. Golden, who was actually the better worker of the two when they were in their prime, doesn't have a good presence and doesn't do much when he's in there. Finish saw Fulton have Golden rolled up but Fuller kicked him in the head behind the refs back and put Golden on top for the pin. \*1/4. Davis & Garvin did a handicap match against Orndorff next. This went 24:03, much of which was slow paced. Orndorff walks out and has the presence of being a real star. He's looks great and is in great condition cardiovascularly in that unlike most past-40 wrestlers, he doesn't get tired. He has no spectacular moves or spots, unlike in his prime, which I suspect you can attribute to the nerve injury in 1986. Orndorff worked on Garvin for nearly 9:00 before Davis made the hot tag. Orndorff quickly cut off Davis and was destroying him. They've been on TV selling Davis as having a near career ending injury from the piledriver Orndorff gave him several weeks back, during which time Davis has been wrestling in Memphis. Garvin & Davis led the fans in chants of "Paula," which people followed the leader in, but quickly died down. As the match progressed, Garvin mainly worked for comedy, pulling Orndorff's trunks up, then down, and giving him low blows, ripping at his nipples, etc. They were having a hard time getting heat even though Orndorff's reactions were very good. 23:00 in, Garvin tagged in and Orndorff bumped great, ending with a sunset flip, but Orndorff staying on his feet until Davis shoulderblocked him into the pin. Orndorff piledrove Davis after the match after jumped Garvin and kept beating on him until Horner made the save \*1/2.

After intermission came the Dirty White Boy vs. Tim Horner SMW title lumberjack match. White Boy had hung Horner and broke a beer bottle over his head, but still the crowd didn't pop like this was a big deal when it started. Horner is well-known as an underrated technician in the ring but lacking in charisma. White Boy hasn't worked for years for a major office and is even more underrated as a worker. The two also have styles that compliment each other. They went 15:06 of a very good match, ending when Orndorff threw a gimmick to White Boy, but Horner beat him to the punch. Eventually, with the ref not looking, Orndorff held Horner and White Boy punched him with the gimmick for the pin. \*\*\*1/4. Next out was Kevin Sullivan, who stabbed Brian Lee 44 times in the forehead with a spike in

a television angle that aired a few weeks back. If that had aired on a WWF or WCW syndicated show, it probably would have resulted in stations canceling the show and numerous viewer complaints to stations. Dusty Rhodes lost his job asbooker for an angle positively tame in comparison. But, and whether this is good or bad is open for debate, there wasn't even one complaint about the angle. Out to the theme from the movie "Halloween" came the Mongolian Stomper, and the two immediately headed out of the ring and straight for the nearly vacant upper deck. Sullivan bled like crazy. About 5:00 later they were back in the ring when The Night Stalker (Bryan Clark) did a run-in and the two double-teamed Stomper for the DQ. Several of the faces came in for the save but were knocked around for a few minutes until Smothers finally ran the heels out. After the match, Stomper then started attacking the faces one by one all the way to the back. Backstage, as part of this when it airs on television in a few weeks, another interview is going on when Dynamite screams that "The Stomper has gotten loose in the dressing room" and they wind up in the heel dressing room where Stomper is all over Sullivan again. \*\*1/2. Next was a Battle Royal where fans got to put their names in a shoe box which had each of the wrestlers' names. The man who won would pick into his box and the winner in this case would get a VCR. When it got down to four, Dixie, Smothers, Stalker and White Boy, it picked up and it was pretty entertaining. After a few spots were teased, Smothers clotheslined both men over. It built well and there was a big pop when Smothers won in 8:23. \*\*

After a brief intermission came the Smoky Mountain street fight for the tag team title. The moment Cornette and the Bodies came through the curtain, the crowd reacted in a way unlike the rest of the show. It was clear the Bodies are accepted by those who attended as being legitimate main eventers. The Rock & Roll Express were the stars of the show, they came out through the front entrance of the building with garbage cans and this brawl was underway. Rocks, bottles, bricks, sticks, pots, pans and tin cans were promised on the interviews by Cornette, but in reality we had to "settle" for garbage cans, wooden sticks, dry wall, chairs, tables, weight belts, powder, tennis racquets, ropes, chains and a plastic bag before Prichard pinned Gibson after kicking him with his loaded boot in 9:43 for the third title switch in three days. For those of you who have seen the "Fire on the Mountain" tape of the Bodies vs. Fantastics in a street fight, which is one of the five best matches I've seen in this country this year, this was just a tad below it, but definitely a must-see item. \*\*\*\*1/2. If this was an example, the group's reputation in some quarters for putting on the best house shows in the country did not seem undeserved.

I'd like to say Knoxville on Sunday afternoon topped it, but that wasn't the case. Paid attendance was about 1,050--SMW's best effort in its largest city to date, beating the crowd for the SMW title tournament in May by about 100. The last WWF show in the same building only drew about 1,500, the last WCW drew exactly 411, and the last SMW drew around 325, so from a promoters standpoint, that indicates significant progress. The show started off much stronger than the previous night. Night Stalker beat Eagle in 4:31 with a clothesline off the top rope with a solid squash match. Stalker, a Billy Jack Haynes lookalike but about four inches taller, has improved a ton since he left WCW. He's the one guy here who has potential for the big-time, although he's far from being ready to make an impact. \* Smothers pinned Dutch Mantell first in :11 with an inside cradle. After Mantell called him a coward for a few minutes, Smothers came back for a rematch, which lasted :08 before he pinned him with a roll-up. Mantell kept up on the mic until Smothers came in. This one lasted :32 before Fuller & Golden interfered for the DQ. This was a lot

more entertaining than it reads. After Smothers had left, The Stud Stable was working spots bullying photographer Jimmy Suzuki and Suzuki went under the ring for a weapon (couldn't tell what) and chased all three away to a big pop. Fuller & Golden vs. Dynamite & Bobby Fulton was a better match than the previous night, going 8:22 when Fulton had Golden pinned but Mantell interfered and hit Fulton with the bullwhip causing him to get pinned. Fuller was really animated here. Mainly a series of comedy spots with Mantell but again very good. \*\* Orndorff vs. Davis & Garvin was a totally different match than the night before, in that Orndorff was mainly taking the punishment back-and-forth. Actually much of the crowd turned against Davis & Garvin, particularly Davis, during the match as Orndorff was getting a lot of cheers because the two-on-one made him a natural underdog since he sold so much. It only went 12:45 and was a lot better than the previous night. Garvin pinned Orndorff with an inside cradle, which wasn't supposed to be the finish but the ref counted three anyway. The ref then panicked and restarted the match but by this time White Boy had run in and the ref called for a DQ. Orndorff piledrove Davis twice after the match getting a big face pop for doing so. The two doubled on Garvin until Horner made the save. After intermission it was announced that the first pinfall stood and it was a pin victory, not a DQ win, which got no crowd reaction. \*\*1/2. Horner and White Boy followed with the lumberjack match for the title. They went 15:37, very similar to the night before but just a tad off. Orndorff tripped Horner as he went to suplex White Boy back into the ring for the pin. \*\*\*. Stomper and Sullivan then did their thing for 5:59, heading straight for the upper deck where they brawled. They got back in the ring and Stalker interfered for the DQ again. Sullivan didn't bleed this time, but it wasn't for lack of effort. \*\* Garvin won the Battle Royal in 5:20 by throwing out Golden to win a color television for a guy who appeared to be bombed out of his skull and nearly dropped the television on the arena floor. 1/4\* Main event was the final night of The Four Faces of Fear, a barbed wire cage match. And for the fourth time, the title changed as the Rock & Roll Express regained the belts in 6:48. Cornette hit Gibson with the racquet as he was climbing into the ring, and then threw in a rope and they tied the door shut so they beat on Morton alone until he bled. Gibson recovered, way too quickly for dramatic purposes and got a knife to cut the rope and got back in. Prichard bled a ton soon thereafter. Prichard threw powder in Gibson's eyes to stun him but when he quickly recovered he pulled out a chain to bust Prichard up some more. Finish was Cornette pull out a towel and a can of ether and threw it in the ring. Lane sprayed the towel but Morton kicked his hand and the towel went in his own face and Morton schoolboyed him for the win as Gibson got the towel and sprayed it at Prichard. After the match Cornette did a major temper tantrum in the middle. Seeing the spectacular match the night before made this seem anticlimactic. \*\*1/4.

Cornette and company have proven thus far they can put together very good live and television wrestling shows. The real question is, can they make a go of it as a territory? And really the question is a lot larger than if this group can make it, because the real question is can a territory make a go of it in today's wrestling environment starting from scratch. If this one can't, the odds are extremely long that almost anyone else would be able to. This group appeals largely to a certain type of fan, the fan of old style Tennessee wrestling. Atsushi Onita and Akira Maeda are making fortunes in Japan as niche promotions rather than trying to be an everything for everyone group. Clearly the promotion needs to develop new younger stars to attract new fans, which is the much harder task than resurrecting old stars that already have names from the past. But nostalgia only goes so far in music, and in wrestling, the nostalgia audience is even smaller. If the promotion would be

able to get a main event calibre singles face and heel and one or two on deck with them and get them hot, they have the foundation or the support with the guys already there to make the next and biggest step. The problem is these holes are easier to ascertain than they are to fill, particularly with a small budget group. It appears that in the part of the country they are in, you can do a hardcore angle like the one done with Brian Lee, and not get a lot of complaints as one would doing it nationally. It didn't seem to get a negative reaction, since houses were strong. But it was pretty evident it was the main event that drew the houses and not the hardcore angle. The prime asset as far as drawing houses is concerned, are the interviews by Cornette and the regionalized charisma Morton & Gibson have left. Another problem is the promotion will always be stuck in a Catch 22 which only lengthens the odds of the ultimate success. If they somehow were to find the elusive two or three names they need to take the next step, once both national offices found out, they'd snag them in a heartbeat leaving the same problem as before. For all those who think this promotion had already made it, climbing the hills that await the promotion will be bucking very strong odds. Nevertheless, up to this point, the company has been going in a positive direction when it comes to increasing interest. And that alone in this day and age is beating tremendous odds.

They teased a heel vs. heel feud with Heavenly Bodies vs. Stud Stable to determine the top contenders for Rock & Roll's tag team title and they've got a top contenders match on 12/10 in Morristown.

Kevin Sullivan destroyed Jeff Daniels on the 11/23 tapings with a chair shot that resulted in a legit 14 staples in Daniels' head.

White Boy had a SMW title defense against Ron Garvin on TV. Garvin KO'd White Boy and had him out, however Paul Orndorff threw a chain into the ring and the ref saw it and originally DQ'd Garvin, although the decision was later reversed.

Christmas Chaos tour starts 12/25 in Knoxville with Brian Lee returning to face Kevin Sullivan, Tim Horner & Ron Garvin vs. Dirty White Boy & Paul Orndorff and more. Shows will be cut-price fan appreciation shows, Knoxville has all seats \$4.30 as a promo for local Ch. 43 and it'll be the same in the other cities.

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The television shows this past week mainly aired highlights from the house shows from last week. In the Paul Orndorff feud with Danny Davis & Ron Garvin they announced that Davis & Garvin won the battle but Orndorff won the war showing the piledriver on Davis. They talked about the tag title changing hands four times.

Finally Dutch Mantell interviewed Jim Cornette & Heavenly Bodies and Cornette complained about the 3-on-2 matches for Christmas week with the three against Rock & Roll Express. Then they talked about Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden and Cornette said that since it was signed as a title match and they aren't champions, they didn't need to have the match. Fuller & Golden came out and said they wanted the match because it would be a good way to prove who the No. 1 contenders are. They did the thing where they insincerely complimented each other including Cornette saying how Fuller & Golden were a great regional territory team. It wound up with Mantell saying he'd be in Fuller & Golden's corner to make sure Cornette didn't do anything sneaky.

Brian Mathews, who holds the mic for the localized promos for this group, got into the ring for his grudge match teaming with the Rock & Roll Express vs. Cornette & Bodies on 12/5 in Marion, VA which ended when the Rock & Roll gave Cornette the double dropkick and Mathews pinned him.

They are planning on starting a "Beat the Champ" title similar to the Los Angeles title of the early 70s. It will be a title defended every week on television with the name of the challenger drawn out of a hat which means heels vs. heels and faces vs. faces type matches.

DECEMBER 21, 1992

This group at least had a better explanation for the implausible on television this week when Bob Armstrong announced Kevin Sullivan was re-instated to wrestle on television. Armstrong said that Sullivan's lawyers argued and won in court saying that banning him from television is denying him necessary exposure to further his career. Armstrong also said that his lawyers said that Sullivan's past psychological problems can't be held against him because it would violate equal opportunity for employment. Armstrong compared with ruling to murderers getting away and walking free due to technicalities. Sullivan later did an interview saying what a great country we live in because you can do anything you want to as long as you have a good lawyer.

Brian Lee did an interview and said the doctor's told him to sit out six more weeks but he said he's not waiting and he'll be back Christmas to team with Mongolian Stomper against Sullivan & Night Stalker.

They aired this week the match where Sullivan opened up Jeff Daniels' head with a chair, needing 14 staples.

Dutch Mantell interviewed Dirty White Boy and Paul Orndorff. Ron Wright told kids to quit singing Christmas Carols in his neighborhood because it's keeping him awake and because of all his injuries he needs 16-18 hours of sleep a day.

Jim Cornette did an interview talking about the 3-on-2 matches with Rock & Roll Express saying that he's getting in shape every morning working out to Richard Simmons' Sweating to the Oldies video and Tom Prichard said he's going on a strict ICOPRO diet.

Television main event was a title match with White Boy vs. Tim Horner. Horner pinned White Boy but Wright put his feet on the ropes. Horner ran back to the dressing room excited about finally getting the title but Wright argued with the ref showing White Boy's foot on the ropes and the decision was reversed.

The Beat the Champ TV title was created on 12/12 in Morristown, TN at TV tapings with Tracy Smothers as first champion. Lee returned doing a run-in during a Sullivan vs. Stomper match. The Heavenly Bodies vs. Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden match to determine No. 1 contenders for the tag title ending with Bodies via DQ when Mantell was caught interfering. I don't think this will be a regular feud, it was just a necessary deal since Rock & Roll Express were booked that night on an indie date in the Carolinas.

DECEMBER 28, 1992

No shows this week. They opened the show talking about the Tim Horner vs. Dirty White Boy TV match. Bob Armstrong said that White Boy is still the champion. It was brought up that Horner hasn't returned the title belt to White Boy. White Boy

came out and said that Horner was a thief and he wanted his belt back. Armstrong said he talked to Horner and Horner said he misplaced it and he can't remember where he put it. Armstrong then announced the Christmas week matches with Horner & Ron Garvin vs. White Boy & Paul Orndorff will have the SMW singles title at stake for the first 30:00 and if Horner or Garvin can score a pinfall on either heel, they'll become the new champ. That sounds really dumb.

They did a profile on Tracy Smothers showing childhood photos, high school and college sports photos etc. and talked about him wrestling in WCW. Smothers is being groomed as a contender for the SMW title.

Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden were on complaining that they hadn't gotten their tag title shot yet and Ricky Morton told them there was a lot of back-stabbing going on right now in the wrestling business.

In the Fuller & Golden vs. Heavenly Bodies match on 12/12, it ended up with Fuller & Golden being cheered. Before the match, Fuller & Golden had challenged both Rock & Roll and Bodies to a tag title match provided who was champ after the next series of matches. Rock & Roll accepted but the Bodies blew them off saying they should be happy as a top regional tag team but not go after the nationally ranked teams. Anyway, Rock & Roll made the save for Fuller & Golden, but after the Bodies had cleared out, Fuller & Golden then attacked Rock & Roll.

Armstrong announced the Brian Lee & Mongolian Stomper vs. Kevin Sullivan & Night Stalker matches would be non-sanctioned.

Sullivan did an interview recommending his psychiatrist to the Stomper because Kevin said he'd done wonders for him.

Mantell interviewed Horner who still didn't remember where the belt was.

Cornette & Bodies did an interview. Cornette talked about how he's in hard training and Stan Lane said that Cory Everson has been sending Cornette love letters and Joe Weider wants to put him on the cover of Muscle and Fitness. Cornette then brought out a phone book and tried to tear it, but couldn't, and started ripping four or five pages at a time. Tom Prichard then said that this shows ICOPRO does wonders. Cornette then challenged Morton to a match right there but when Morton turned his back Cornette hit Morton with a can of coca-cola while Gibson was hit with the tennis racquet. Cornette then joked that he knew a lot of athletes these days were having problems with coke. During the interview, the Rock & Roll come back and the two teams brawled until the show went off the air.

JANUARY 4, 1993

This group drew the two largest crowds in its history on 12/25 in Knoxville and 12/26 in Johnson City. Both shows drew just over 1,600 paid with all tickets \$4.30 in Knoxville and 1,700 at \$5 in Johnson City. The other show of the weekend on 12/27 in Beckley, WV drew about 550 paid with all seats \$4, but the SMW television show has only been on the air for two weeks in Beckley.

The Knoxville main event was a handicap match with the SMW tag titles at stake with Rock & Roll Express defending against The Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette. Before the match, Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden came to ringside to challenge

the winners. Rock & Roll agreed to give them a title shot while the Bodies hedged and ended up not agreeing. The finish saw Fuller & Golden come to ringside and whenever the Bodies had the Rock & Rolls down, Golden or Fuller would distract the ref so he couldn't make the count. Finally when the Rock & Rolls had the Bodies beat, Golden turned the ref around fast while Fuller kept Cornette from interfering and the Rock & Rolls won. After the match the Bodies & Cornette beat up on Fuller & Golden 3-on-2 until the Rock & Rolls made the save. Then when the Rock & Rolls went to shake Fuller & Golden's hands, Fuller & Golden jumped them and left them laying.

They did the same match in Johnson City on 12/26, but they didn't do all the post-match back-and-forth after Fuller & Golden caused the Rock & Rolls to win.

The other key match in both cities was Tim Horner & Ron Garvin vs. Dirty White Boy & Paul Orndorff with the SMW singles title at stake in the first 30:00 if either Horner or Garvin could pin White Boy. As you'd suspect, Horner pinned White Boy in about 32:00 each night so White Boy retained the title. Even though that kind of stipulation sounds stupid, they did a logical job of having Bob Armstrong explain it on television.

Bobby Eaton will be in for a few months before going back to WCW, starting at the next television tapings.

The TV shows that aired 12/12 and 12/19 were excellent. This show, production-wise, is nowhere near the best show in the country, but content-wise, it is improving to where it is leaps and bounds above any other wrestling show in the U.S. It features by far the best localized interviews that have been done by any promotion in years. All the angles make sense and something is added to them on every show. Obviously this is mainly a credit to those putting together the shows, but it's also a statement about producing one hour of quality television per week as opposed to attempting to fill up five to seven hours per week.

This past weekend's show saw them replay the Rock & Roll vs. Heavenly Bodies non-title brawl that started and went off the air in progress last week. Fuller & Golden tried to interfere and help the Bodies win this time, but it backfired and the Rock & Rolls won again. Cornette then did an interview claiming Fuller & Golden deliberately screwed up and cost them the match. Fuller then did an interview and said it would be the last time they would ever help out the Heavenly Bodies.

Horner sent a video when he was asked again where the SMW title belt (which he stole on television two weeks earlier was) and he showed him giving the belt to a kid who had just undergone spinal surgery because he said the kid was a real champion, unlike White Boy. When they showed the clip, they came back with Ron Wright claiming that the belt being stole from them has him so upset that now he's suffering from gout.

Dixie Dynamite and Kevin Sullivan had a terrible match with one missed spot after another.

Funniest line of the show came after Armstrong did an interview and said he was going to make it so hot for Sullivan that it'll be like his butt was sitting on fire. Sullivan came back and said he didn't mind, because where he came from, it was plenty hot all the time, and I don't think he was referring to Daytona Beach.

January house shows will have Bodies vs. Fuller & Golden with the winners getting a title shot with Rock & Rolls later the same

night, White Boy vs. Smothers for SMW title, Horner vs. Orndorff and Sullivan vs. Lee.

JANUARY 20, 1993

The television show the weekend of 1/2 was a recap of 1992 highlights.

No major house shows this past weekend.

Bobby Eaton is scheduled to debut at the television tapings on 1/18 and apparently it will lead to a six-man program with Eaton & Stan Lane & Tom Prichard against The Stud Stable (Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell).

On the 1/9 show, Kevin Sullivan did an interview and said he was being driven crazy by Bob Armstrong. He said he'd been to the psychiatrist six times in the past week and held up four fingers when he said six.

Chris Comet debuted using a Frankensteiner to beat Jeff Daniels.

Tim Horner returned the SMW title belt to Bob Armstrong and in return Armstrong promised to give Horner more shots at the title.

Ron Wright did an interview saying he thought Reno Riggins had a lot of potential but he needed some guidance and offered to take him under his wing. Wright told him that at first he'd have to spend time doing things like shining Dirty White Boy's belt but in return he'd get the benefit of Wright's years of experience. Riggins ended the interview, which Mantell did and kept urging him on to joining Wright in, by saying he had to think about it.

Television main event saw Paul Orndorff & Dirty White Boy over Tim Horner & Ron Garvin when Orndorff pinned Horner after hitting him with a gimmick.

Cornette's line of the week was when he was talking about the Fuller family and said that the Fuller family was planning a family reunion, but they have to wait until the next meeting of the state parole board to come up with a date.

JANUARY 25, 1993

The Heavenly Bodies (Stan Lane & Tom Prichard) regained the Smoky Mountain tag title from The Rock & Roll Express at the television tapings on 1/18 in Newton, NC in what was said to have been a four-star match. The match was originally supposed to have been the Rock & Rolls defending the tag titles against Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden. However, Fuller & Golden "hadn't arrived" by scheduled match time so Jim Cornette went to Sandy Scott and asked if his team could get the title match and Scott agreed. A few minutes into the match, Fuller & Golden came out in street clothes yelling at announcer Bob Caudle that this was their title match. I'm not sure how the commentary was done but suspect some angle was done where it will be found out Cornette was responsible for them not getting to the building on time. Fuller & Golden tried to hit the ring but were restrained by SMW officials and the match continued. About 12:00 in, ref Mark Curtis took a major league bump to the floor. The Rock & Rolls then got three visionary falls with no ref on the Bodies. At this point Bobby Eaton, who hadn't been set in SMW rings, hit the ring and did the Alabama Jam on Ricky Morton and put Prichard on top for the pin. At this point Fuller & Golden hit the ring and there was a three-

way brawl with the Stud Stable, Bodies & Eaton and Rock & Rolls all fighting the other two.

This past weekend's television show opened with Ron Wright bringing out Reno Riggins for an interview. Wright offered Riggins his services as a manager once again and Riggins once again said that he would have to think about it.

Paul Orndorff came out for an interview and talked about beating Ron Simmons on WCW television and mentioned that he used to wrestle Hulk Hogan all the time, "and you know what happened to him, he's retired." He said he couldn't understand why fans in the area cheered Tim Horner but said he realized that nobody famous had ever come from this part of Tennessee and Horner was the closest thing to someone famous from the area. Orndorff then brought a little kid out of the crowd who had a lightning bolt styrofoam gimmick and asked him who his favorite wrestler was, and he naturally said Horner. Orndorff then began harassing him saying that he bet his father was a drunk and that all the women in this part of the country walk on four legs until Horner made the save.

Up next was the four-corners match with the winner becoming the first Beat the Champ. The four were Tracy Smothers, Killer Kyle, Jimmy Golden and Dirty White Boy. Smothers pinned them in that order.

They had a pull-apart brawl between the Heavenly Bodies and Fuller & Golden. Cornette then did an interview demanding more title matches. Bob Armstrong then said the Rock & Rolls would be defending the title in two more weeks against either the Bodies or the Stud Stable and said he was going through the record books to decide which team gets the shot (which obviously wound up with him deciding on Stud Stable but them arriving late). Then in the line of the month, Armstrong said that he's been investigating allegations that Prichard is using a loaded boot. Armstrong said, "I'm keeping my eyes on his feet at all times," at which point Cornette really did say, "Who does he think he is, Mel Phillips?" .

Show ended with Mongolian Stomper vs. Kevin Sullivan and they brawled all over the small building before Sullivan threw fire for the DQ. Brian Lee ran out but Night Stalker blind-sided him and the two worked on Lee's "injured" ribs until the faces from the dressing room made the save.

For those traveling to Asheville, NC on 2/21 for the WCW PPV, this group will be running a 2 p.m. show in Johnson City on 2/21 (Asheville is 7:30 p.m., the two cities are 65 miles apart) with Prichard & Lane & Eaton vs. Fuller & Golden & Mantell, Smothers vs. White Boy, Sullivan vs. Lee first blood, Horner vs. Night Stalker and Kyle vs. Riggins.

Despite being ill with bronchial pneumonia and having a 102 degree fever, Orndorff finished out his commitments and put over Horner at the house shows this past weekend and put Smothers over clean on television. In Johnson City, Orndorff was so ill they could only go 90 seconds.

Some of the highlights at the taping on 1/18. Wright asked Riggins to make his decision and Riggins said he'd talked to a lot of the wrestlers and decided to go it alone. After the title win, there was an interview with Cornette, Lane, Prichard & Eaton where they already were teasing signs of dumping Prichard (don't expect any major changes unless they can get Eaton to agree to stay past April because they need a tag team for the territory once Eaton leaves). Wright then brought out Robbie Eagle and said that in 5:00, he can teach him enough to beat Riggins and they had the match and Riggins won. After

the match, White Boy slapped Riggins to set up a match the following week. Sullivan & Stalker attacked Lee after a squash and Horner made the save using a block of wood.

Fuller & Golden worked as total heels in beating the Batten twins.

Dutch Mantell pulls out Paul Lee's name as the Beat the Champ challenger for Smothers but White Boy came out and said Lee was the flu and that he'd be replaced by Orndorff (who was the one who was really sick). Smothers agreed to the change. White Boy's attempted interference backfired and Smothers pinned Orndorff. Orndorff went nuts and attacked one of the refs and gave him a piledriver and the ref did a stretcher job. Head ref Mark Curtis then suspended Orndorff and warned him if he didn't calm down, his program in WCW would be changed from working with Cactus Jack to working with Erik Watts so I guess that's how Orndorff calmed down. Smothers then did an interview saying it's the biggest win of his career and White Boy challenged him for the TV title the next week. After every five consecutive weeks maintaining the title, the TV champ gets "\$5,000" and the following week two new wrestlers start to determine a new champ, so the White Boy match is the fifth week with "the money" at stake.

White Boy wrestled Riggins which ended with Riggins destroyed in a good match and Smothers throwing in the towel for him. After the match, White Boy hit Riggins with a low blow.

Sullivan wrestled Bart Batten ending when Stalker interfered for the DQ. Sullivan pulled out the spike and Batten did a major juice dog until Lee came in. They doubled on Lee until Horner made the save with a ten pound dumbbell.

After a Rock & Roll squash win, Cornette came out and challenged them. Eaton, Lane & Prichard hit the ring and were beating on the Rock & Rolls 3-on-2 until Fuller & Golden hit the ring with chairs and run the Bodies & Eaton off. Eaton took great bumps here. Then, with the Bodies & Eaton gone, Fuller & Golden destroyed the Rock & Rolls, who they had just saved, with the chairs and left them laying as the segment ended.

Ivan & Vladimir Koloff were at the tapings but didn't work.

I wouldn't be surprised to see Steve Armstrong eventually show up here, but doesn't look like it'll happen in the immediate future.

FEBRUARY 1, 1993

Television this past weekend included a clip of Kevin Sullivan vs. Brian Lee from a house show in Barbourville, KY where Sullivan used a spike to bloody Lee up. They interviewed Lee in the dressing room where he was throwing chairs everywhere vowing revenge.

Bob Armstrong said he got a letter from Sullivan's attorneys saying that they felt it was Armstrong's responsibility to have Smoky Mountain Wrestling pay for Sullivan's psychiatric care. Armstrong said they wouldn't pay a penny for it.

Ron Wright said his heart has been giving him problems because Reno Riggins won't give him an answer about letting him manage him. Riggins then had a Beat the Champ title match with Tracy Smothers. Wright wheeled himself to ringside and kept telling Riggins to use heel tactics, but Riggins kept wrestling clean and finally Smothers pinned him. After the match, Smothers brought Riggins over to the interview area

and said that he made a good showing for himself and was doing a good job of improving but then told him to avoid Wright at all costs.

They then aired a recap of the Heavenly Bodies vs. Stud Stable (Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden) feud. After the recap, Armstrong announced that the Bodies had received enough title shots with the Rock & Roll Express and announced that next week on television it would be Rock & Roll defending against the Stud Stable. Jim Cornette went crazy and threatened to call his mother's attorneys. Cornette challenged the Stud Stable for a match right that moment and they brawled for about 2:00 until television time ran out. The match ends up with the Stud Stable arriving late, Bodies getting the title match and winning when Bobby Eaton interferes.

FEBRUARY 8, 1993

Rock & Roll vs. Heavenly Bodies title change aired this past weekend on Smoky Mountain television. After the match Jim Cornette and Stan Lane said that wouldn't it be great for Prichard to share the tag title with Bobby Eaton while Prichard looked confused. The Stud Stable was supposed to get the title shot but "arrived late" saying their car had four flat tires when they left their hotel room. Before they came Cornette noted they weren't there and said that SMW had promised a title match and mocked other promotions by saying, "False advertising of matches is a really bad thing in wrestling." Sandy Scott agreed with him about how false advertising is a bad thing and said if Fuller & Golden don't arrive, that the Bodies could get the title shot. Kevin Sullivan's line of the week was when he was saying all his violent acts of the past were accidents, mistakes and he was really a nice guy. He then said Bob Armstrong had a few accidents as well, four of them that show up every morning at the breakfast table.

FEBRUARY 15, 1993

Not much new here.

Jim Cornette in an interview said that the Heavenly Bodies were registered as a corporation and because of that any two of the three (Bobby Eaton, Tom Prichard and Stan Lane) can defend the tag team titles. During the interview, Lane and Eaton still acted as though they were getting ready to phase Prichard out.

Only house shows this past weekend were 2/5 in Asheboro, NC where they drew 425 despite not having television and 2/6 in Morristown, TN where they set their city record drawing a \$4,800 house or nearly 800 fans to Tim Horner's high school alma mater.

FEBRUARY 22, 1993

The TV title changed hands twice on the 2/8 tapings in Jellico, TN. In the first hour of the taping, Night Stalker won the title from Tracy Smothers due to the outside interference of Dirty White Boy. After the match White Boy brought in a garbage can and took Smothers' confederate flag and put it in the can and lit it on fire. Later, in the third hour, Tim Horner beat Stalker to win the title. Also on the show, White Boy kept the SMW title in a double-juice title match with Smothers that went 15:00 when Ron Wright finally got out of the wheelchair and interfered.

Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton teamed up together for the first time in more than two years on 2/13 in Barbourville, KY beating the Rock & Roll Express.

Kevin Sullivan did an interview on television talking about when he was a kid how he used to stab rats with a spike in the junkyard. He then pulled out his spike and did a number on Brad Batten until Brian Lee ran in and Sullivan and Night Stalker did a number on him as well until Tim Horner came in holding some weights from the high school weight room for the save.

They aired the unedited version of the first Watts/Cornette confrontation from WCW on this week's TV show.

SMW drew its biggest crowds ever in the last four cities (Morristown, TN, Barbourville, KY, Harlan, KY and Beckley, WV) it has run house shows in, although the biggest of those is still in the \$6,000 range so it's not like this is a thriving territory, but the consistent increases in just about every city have to be taken as an encouraging sign.

MARCH 8, 1993

Lots of things happened at the 3/1 television taping in Sevierville, TN before a sellout 700 fans with Victor Quinones bringing in several wrestlers from W\*ING (Quinones even did a babyface interview as a representative of the Japanese promotion W\*ING on the show). Hiroshi Itakura, the WWC jr. heavyweight champion, put over Killer Kyle in what is obviously a non-title match since Kyle is about 80 pounds over the weight limit, to set up Kyle's W\*ING tour in two weeks. Crash the Terminator wrestled Miguelito Perez in a match where both men got over to the local crowd big. Crash did his moonsault at about 295 pounds and Perez did a handspring in the ring into a backward dive over the top rope to the floor. It ended when Kevin Sullivan & Night Stalker attacked both men, ending the match with no decision, and the two joined forces to fight back so they both ended up as babyfaces. What was described to me as one of the all-time massacres ever on American television which will have to be heavily censored was Sullivan vs. Yukihiro Kanemura. The storyline is that Sullivan did so much damage in rings in Japan that the W\*ING office sent Kanemura, who is 22 but already is as scarred up as Onita, to Tennessee to gain revenge. Sullivan jumped him before the bell and Kanemura got heavy juice, and was shortly drenched in blood from head-to-toe. The place went nuts when he made his comeback, but Sullivan pulled out the spike to cut him off and spiked his arm and Kanemura cut himself from the deltoid to the elbow, approximately five inches long and one-and-a-half inches thick. Kanemura was legit hospitalized after the match and needed 58 stitches to close the wound and would have needed another 10 for the head except he refused to take stitches in the head.

Bobby Eaton captured the TV title from Tim Horner in a match when ref Mark Curtis did a leap-frog to avoid getting bumped, but then started selling his ankle and while this was going on, Horner's head crashed into Jim Cornette's tennis racquet to lead to the title change.

The biggest news of the show was the Rock & Roll Express introducing a mystery partner for upcoming six-man tags against The Heavenly Bodies. They came out with a guy with a sheet on his head and dared Cornette to take the sheet off. Cornette came out with the Bodies and poked the guy a few times and the guy did nothing. Then he shoved the guy who again did nothing. Then he kicked the guy in the shin and he didn't sell it. Finally Cornette took the sheet off, revealing Arn Anderson. Cornette does the shocked bit and faints. Bobby Eaton then went to Anderson and offered his hand in a handshake and Anderson shook Eaton's hand but at the same

time decked him with his left. Anderson's did a killer interview explaining that he and Eaton were a tag team, but as soon as he was injured, Eaton never called him and instead of waiting for him to get back, Eaton immediately ran back to Cornette. Anderson said he had no love for Morton & Gibson but it was a personal score to settle with Eaton.

Another angle stemmed from this as they were teasing internal heat all night between Eaton and Tom Prichard. Finally Cornette did an interview saying there was total harmony within his group and Eaton and Stan Lane both said they had no problems. Prichard then said he had no problem either except that if it wasn't for Eaton being there, then he wouldn't have to be fighting Anderson and the two argued. At some point they also drew the name of the first opponent for Eaton's TV title for the next taping and the name was Prichard. Cornette and Lane tried to get them to not wrestle each other but both wanted the match.

This is all leading to the next major show on 4/2 in Pikeville, KY called the Blue Grass Jamboree with Lance Russell being brought in as a special television announcer for that show. The top three matches are a Three-way Smoky Mountain Street Fight with the Bodies, Stud Stable (Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell) and Rock & Roll & Anderson (Anderson being in is not indicative of any future talent exchanges between this group and WCW as it was a deal Cornette, Anderson and Bill Watts had worked out when Watts was still in control; relations between the two groups may start to sour since WCW is making overtures to bring in Rock & Roll full-time). Also on 4/2 is a Russian Roulette match with Sullivan vs. Brian Lee with the same stipulations as the spin the wheel, make the deal match but with six matches on the wheel, a stretcher match, a ring surrounded by fire match, a Prince of Darkness match, spike on a pole, Handicap match (Lee vs. Sullivan & Stalker) and Lee's choice; and a chain match with Dirty White Boy vs. Tracy Smothers. White Boy used a chain on some jobbers at television and also beat up Smothers with a chain. Wright, who got out of his wheelchair to help White Boy keep the title against Smothers, claimed he blacked out and it was divine intervention that got him out of his chair.

Tasteless line of the week was Robert Fuller doing an interview telling the fans he wasn't going to pull a Kerry Von Erich and pointed his finger to his head to motion shooting himself in the head.

On television over the weekend, Bob Armstrong said the SMW lawyers are working on cutting off payments for Sullivan's psychiatric care. A few weeks back, as the story goes, when Armstrong was "in Japan," a secretary mistakenly approved SMW paying for Sullivan's psychiatric bills believing it was a legit injury expense for one of the wrestlers, and each week on television they air Sullivan with his psychiatrist.

Arn Anderson's first major date will be 3/20 in Johnson City. They are running an angle which I presume will lead to Tommy Starr from Florida coming in as a face. Bob Caudle keeps talking about letters he's getting from Starr warning about Sullivan. Sullivan, in his interviews, said that what happened to Starr happened before he got his psychiatric help.

Armstrong also announced Paul Orndorff was suspended indefinitely (which helps since he's in WCW) for piledriving a referee and that the SMW lawyers are looking into whether all three Heavenly Bodies could claim the tag team titles or whether it should be just the two (Lane & Prichard) who won them.

On last week's television, they had a match with Fuller & Golden vs. Rock & Roll Express to determine the top contenders for the titles. The Bodies came down with popcorn and cokes and sat at ringside while Cornette did the commentary and kept calling them "Front Row, Section D" (in reference to the column heading Bruce Mitchell used in Pro Wrestling Torch). The Bodies kept throwing popcorn at Fuller & Golden until Golden dumped the entire bag of popcorn on them. Finish saw Eaton throw a coke in Golden's eyes leading to him being pinned.

MARCH 15, 1993

This week's television featured a Kevin Sullivan video from the beach. Sullivan was feeding seagulls and all calm, then all of a sudden he started giving seagulls names like Brian Lee and Tim Horner, and his personality changed and he pulled out a spike and started chasing the seagulls away.

The Horner-Night Stalker TV title change aired which ended with Lee and Sullivan interfering and challenging each other to an impromptu match. Of course Stalker and Horner both interfered and the two teams wound up in the parking lot.

Bob Armstrong said he's been getting letters and phone calls from Tommy Starr and announced the three team elimination match street fight main event for 4/2 in Pikeville as Rock & Roll & Mystery partner (Arn Anderson), Heavenly Bodies and Stud Stable.

Show ended with the Dirty White Boy vs. Tracy Smothers SMW title match which ended with Ron Wright getting out of the wheelchair and hitting Smothers with a chain. Bob Caudle got hysterical when Wright came out of the chair but Dutch Mantell pretended not to have seen anything.

MARCH 22, 1993

Because of the bad weather, after five straight increases in the house at Morristown, the 3/12 card drew only about 275 fans and \$2,000.

On the television show, they introduced Arn Anderson as the mystery partner of the Rock & Roll Express (Anderson starts this weekend and will work three weeks here before going back to WCW starting 4/3 in Charlotte). When the Rock & Roll brought out Anderson, he was wearing a white sheet over his head and body and Jim Cornette looked at him and said it either had to be David Duke or Casper the Friendly Ghost. Crowd popped big when Cornette took the sheet off and Anderson did a great interview saying Cornette would need a gynecologist when he's done shoving the tennis racquet into certain parts of his anatomy.

Dirty White Boy and Ron Wright are now saying they're from New York and wearing Yankees outfits. Wright did the interview explaining how he could walk last week when he interfered. He said he was sitting there praying for someone to help White Boy and then he blacked out and when he came to, White Boy had won the match.

Bob Caudle and several kids gave Tracy Smothers a new confederate flag replacing the one White Boy burned.

They aired a clip from Louisiana probably from Buck Robley's now-defunct promotion where Kevin Sullivan tried to put Chris Adams' eye out with a spike.

Victor Quinones, who is a heel manager in W\*ING but was a face promotional representative here, said that W\*ING is also trying to ban Sullivan.

Chris Candito and Tazmaniac are headed for about five shots starting this weekend including the 3/22 television taping.

MARCH 29, 1993

Arn Anderson worked three house shows this past weekend as part of six-man tags teaming with Rock & Roll Express to beat all three Heavenly Bodies. The 3/19 show in Barbourville, KY drew about 700, 3/20 in Johnson City, TN drew about 941 and 3/21 in Knoxville drew about 1,200 and \$8,100. Told the matches were all in the 3 1/2 to 4 star range, and that the Tracy Smothers vs. Dirty White Boy SMW title matches on the same shows were at four stars every night. Anderson has only one date left with the group, the 4/2 show in Pikeville, KY while Bobby Eaton is scheduled until the middle part of next month.

The wildest finish of the weekend was for the Russian Roulette match between Kevin Sullivan and Brian Lee. They had a wheel with six choices, similar to the Spin the wheel match, and it ended up being a match where there were four poles put in the respective corners. On each pole was a box. Three boxes were empty, but the fourth box had a spike, and whoever got the spike could use it. Sullivan and Lee found the three empty boxes first, leaving the obvious box left as the one with the gimmick. Both were going for the final box when Night Stalker came down, but Tim Horner cut him off. At this point, with nobody else watching, The Tazmaniac, who hadn't appeared on television for this group yet, ran down and got into the box with the spike, took it and put the spike in a different box. As Lee climbed up to the fourth box, it was also empty, allowing Sullivan to go to the box that now had the spike and get it first. Lee kicked Kevin's hand so the spike was like a loose fumble with everyone going for it. Lee ended up with the spike, but at this point Tazmaniac handed Sullivan a fireball and Sullivan threw fire at Lee and he dropped the spike. Sullivan picked up the spike and used it and scored the pin.

Chris Candido also debuted this weekend and both he and Tazmaniac were scheduled to work the 3/22 television taping in Haysai, VA, although Candido will probably work as The Masked Avenger under a hood since he's going to do jobs and there is interest in bringing him back when a spot opens with a push.

The Sullivan-Kanemura match aired on television this past weekend with very little edited. After the match Dutch Mantell said they had taken Kanemura to the hospital where he needed 200 stitches (he really only needed 58, but they didn't know it at the time).

They also set up the Bobby Eaton vs. Tom Prichard TV title match that will be taped 3/22.

APRIL 5, 1993

They held a partial television taping on 3/22 in Haysai, VA. They taped parts of three shows, but much of the second and third show will be filled in with highlights taped on 4/2 at the Bluegrass Brawl in Pikeville, KY.

Next major SMW house show will be 5/9 in Knoxville billed as Volunteer Slam II.

Top angles that were taped saw Tim Horner say he's putting up "\$5,000" against "\$5,000" from Jim Cornette in winner-take-all matches with Bobby Eaton.

Cornette did an interview saying he had a court injunction saying that Eaton (TV champ) needed one week notice on all title defenses so he wanted the drawing held for the second show during the first show. The name drawn was Tom Prichard and Cornette freaked out and ripped up the injunction.

A possible Night Stalker turn before he leaves for WWF was teased as Brian Lee & Horner faced Stalker & Sullivan. With both Sullivan and the ref occupied, Tazmaniac came off the top rope, but Lee pulled Horner off Stalker, and Taz hit Stalker, who Horner then pinned. Sullivan didn't see what happened and Taz and Stalker blamed each other but Sullivan seemed to blame Stalker and Sullivan did an interview saying how much he hates to lose at anything.

The Prichard-Eaton TV title match ended with no contest when Stan Lane and Cornette interfered and separated the two just as tempers flared. After the match Cornette & Eaton did an interview and they aired a tape of Bob Armstrong saying that he had investigated and found out that Eaton had never gotten his release from WCW and was still under contract to them so he had no business being in SMW. However, since Eaton was TV champ, Armstrong said that he had to book him, but the minute he lost the title, he's back in WCW. Eaton said he didn't want to go back to WCW and Cornette screamed about the situation saying that wrestling for WCW was a fate worse than death.

After Kevin Sullivan destroyed Roger Anderson, they put Anderson on a stretcher and Sullivan knocked him off the stretcher, Sullivan went back, but instead of attacking Anderson, went after the guys carrying the stretcher.

During a Rock & Roll Express interview, Cornette & Prichard came out with a box which they said was the going away present for Rock & Roll, since the previous week Cornette said they were going to run the Rock & Roll out. They wound up in a brawl with Eaton and Lane making it 4-on-2, with several tennis racquet shots, and finally they tarred and feathered Morton.

On television this past weekend they were building up the Dirty White Boy vs. Tracy Smothers chain match for the SMW title. They showed clips of White Boy claiming he was in Central Park (White Boy is now billing himself from New York trying to push a Northern heel vs. Southern babyface angle) and was carrying a gun and used his chain to break bottles, flour and smash a pineapple. Later on TV he jumped Smothers who in his interview said White Boy was just like a Yankee to jump someone from behind.

The match Smothers and White Boy had on television three weeks ago (where Ron Wright came out of the wheelchair) was a \*\*\*\* and ranks with Flair-Perfect as the best television match thus far this year in the U.S. that I can recall.

Sullivan did an interview saying that there are people without faces in a Brown LTD with Missouri license plates that are following him everywhere.

They did the first three-team in the ring at the same time street fight but it was a tag team rather than trios, with the Rock & Rolls winning over Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell and Lane & Prichard on 3/28 in Beckley.

SMW has applied for membership in the National Wrestling Alliance, for whatever that is worth these days. In theory it gives them the availability on dates with the NWA champ, although Dennis Coraluzzo joined the NWA last year and hasn't gotten any dates of the champion thus far.

APRIL 12, 1993

Smoky Mountain Wrestling also had its biggest show in its much-shorter history (a little over one year) on 4/2 in Pikeville, KY drawing a turnaway crowd of 2,000 fans paying \$14,000 for the Bluegrass Brawl. While the money figures are certainly less than modest by, say, WWF standards, let alone Japanese standards, it was the first five-figure gate in SMW history and broke the promotion's all-time gate record by more than \$5,000 and its attendance record by about 500 fans. Results saw: 1. Robbie Eagle pinned Rip Rogers; 2. Mongolian Stomper pinned Rob Morgan; 3. Tim Horner beat Night Stalker via DQ for an over-the-top rope infraction; 4. Brian Lee vs. Kevin Sullivan was a Russian Roulette match (Spin the Wheel stipulations). It landed on spinner's (Lee) choice. Lee chose a rematch of the spike in a box on top of the pole with four boxes on top of four poles in each corner with three empty boxes--a rematch from Knoxville which aired on television last weekend and that Night Stalker would be handcuffed to Horner. Finish saw Stalker get the spike but then he refused to give it to Sullivan (Sullivan on TV blamed Stalker for losing a tag team match) and while they were arguing, Lee schoolboyed Sullivan. Sullivan got Stalker handcuffed to the ringpost and started annihilating him after the match until Stalker got loose. Stalker got a huge babyface reaction to his turn; 5. Tracy Smothers won a chain match to win the SMW title from Dirty White Boy. Another double-juice match that was even better than their television match of a few weeks back. It would have been four-stars except they screwed up the finish and had to do it again. Smothers was covered with blood and out on his feet and being dragged hangman style by the chain to all four corners but touched them after White Boy. He managed to flip himself over White Boy and beat him to the fourth corner to win. White Boy destroyed Smothers after the match while he was doing an in-ring interview (highlights of this card air on television this coming weekend with Les Thatcher and Lance Russell announcing and a complete video of the show should be out in a few weeks) with a low blow and 2x4 shots; 6. Main event was a Street fight with three trios, The Stud Stable (Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell), Heavenly Bodies and Rock & Roll Express & Arn Anderson. The Stud Stable was out first when Prichard pinned either Golden or Fuller after hitting him with a chair. Among the gimmicks used in this match were a trash can, the lid of the trash can, chairs, chains, ropes, a spare tire of a car, a 2x4, the ringside table, ceiling tile, a bullwhip, tennis racquet, a bucket and also all the stuff thrown into the ring by the fans were used by the wrestlers as well, culminating with Arn Anderson spraying the Bodies and Cornette with a fire extinguisher. There was a lot of juice and tons of crowd heat. The lowlight was an ankle injury to Robert Gibson that will keep him out of action for a few weeks. As it was explained to me, Bobby Eaton climbed up to the basketball rim in the gym, for reasons I'm not too clear about. Anyway, Gibson went up there after him. Eaton knocked Gibson off the rim and he was supposed to catch a ladder. The ladder collapsed and Gibson took a bump with his ankle and the ladder getting caught upon landing. It was feared he had suffered a broken ankle that night but it wasn't the case. He still finished up the match, getting pinned when he was pounding on Jim Cornette and Prichard came off the top rope with a loaded kneepad on him.

On this weekend's television show, Dirty White Boy and Ron Wright were talking about "moving to New York." White Boy said he'd been breaking lights in New York using the chain Wright gave him and beating up street gangs. Wright said that the New York doctors have discovered he's suffering from "asthmatic bronchitis" and said the Southern doctors were all too stupid to diagnose his problem.

Mongolian Stomper replaced the injured Robert Gibson in Morristown on 4/3 in a barbed wire match beating with Ricky Morton and Tim Horner to beat the Heavenly Bodies.

Chris Candido returns as The Avenger on 4/16.

Tom Prichard won a Battle Royal on 3/29 in Newport, TN, by throwing out Tracy Smothers (earlier Prichard was thrown out but Jim Cornette distracted the ref), but after the match, Smothers threw a pie in Cornette's face.

Night Stalker debuted as a full-fledged babyface on 4/3 and distracted Kevin Sullivan causing him to lose to Brian Lee.

APRIL 19, 1993

The television show this weekend mainly contained the top three matches (Brian Lee vs. Kevin Sullivan with Night Stalker turning face; Tracy Smothers winning SMW title from Dirty White Boy and the three teams street fight) from last week's Blue Grass Brawl with Lance Russell and Les Thatcher doing the announcing. They aired so many highlights that the television title match with Bobby Eaton vs. Tom Prichard was butchered with the ending not even airing, as they cut during the match and came back with a post-match interview.

Sullivan and Night Stalker start a series of singles matches next week. Stalker is expected to leave for WWF around the end of May.

Robert Gibson, who was injured taking a bump off a basketball rim in Pikeville and injuring his ankle, was originally thought to be out for one month but is telling people he'll be back this coming weekend. The house show main events this past week have had Ricky Morton team with Tim Horner on top against two of the three Heavenly Bodies, with the faces going over.

Some heat about Arn Anderson's remark on Main Event Sunday during the face-to-face confrontation with Bobby Eaton saying how Eaton has spent the past few months in the minor leagues. Funny because Anderson worked in the same place. Most here are hot, but not at Anderson, believing it was a line Anderson was told to say, not something he said on his own volition.

APRIL 26, 1993

Robert Gibson was back after missing just one full weekend with the sprained ankle. In Johnson City and Knoxville on 4/17 and 4/18, they ran three-team street fight matches with the Rock & Roll Express, Stan Lane & Tom Prichard and Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden, with the Rock & Rolls winning. The matches introduced a new gimmick each night. In Johnson City it was jumper cables and in Knoxville it was highway cones. Every wrestler on the undercard ended up involved in the Knoxville match, which was taped for television.

The next Johnson City show will be labeled "The Last Tangle in Tennessee" headlined by a loser leaves town match with Rock & Roll Express vs. Lane & Prichard.

5/9 in Knoxville will be Volunteer Slam II. Headliner is "Rage in the cage," a match similar to War Games with Lane & Prichard & Kevin Sullivan & Killer Kyle & Tazmaniac vs. Rock & Rolls & Brian Lee & Fuller & Golden. The card will feature five singles matches from these teams picked at ringside. Whichever side wins at least three of the matches gets the 2-on-1 and 3-on-2 etc. advantages in the War Games situation. The only way to win the match is submission or to handcuff all five members of one team to the five handcuffs that will be on each side of the ring. Bob Armstrong will be special ref. Also Tracy Smothers vs. Tony Anthony in a coward waves the flag match with Tim Horner and Ron Wright in the respective corners with flags. WCW is already plugging a TV taping on 5/17 in Knoxville with two kids free with every paying adult and adult tickets at \$8, which can't help the crowd for this show.

Bobby Eaton's final night was the 4/19 television taping in Barbourville, KY where he dropped the TV title to Brian Lee.

This week's television saw Armstrong make the announcement about Eaton not getting a valid WCW release and that he has to leave SMW as soon as he drops the TV title.

They also aired Ricky Morton getting tarred and feathered and had an impromptu Fuller & Golden vs. Lane & Prichard match which saw both Dutch Mantell and Eaton interfere.

Some notes on the past month's television. Tracy Smothers has to be the most improved interview in the business and Tony Anthony's presence is getting to the point it almost equals his workrate.

The Kevin Sullivan vs. Yukihiro Kanemura match from four weeks ago was a little too much. All the blood on the face is stuff that has been seen before, but driving the spike into the bicep and trying to squeeze the blood out was too far even for the bloodthirsty. The crowd live was dead quiet they were so stunned and shocked.

Highlights of 4/2 Pikeville aired last week. Crowd heat was exceptional for the three bouts that aired. Sullivan vs. Lee had incredible heat although the work itself wasn't that great. Sullivan's a great character and interview although he's on the edge, but Lee is just another guy. Sullivan pulled out pliers and used them to go after Lee's groin, which got the crowd screaming, but don't try that one at home. Smothers vs. White Boy chain match seemed dramatic and the pop when Smothers won was reminiscent of the Sting pop beating Flair in Baltimore in 1990. The 9-man street fight had too much action for a TV screen. A correction from two weeks back. When Eaton and Gibson were brawling, it wasn't on the basketball basket rim but on a pole that was behind the backboard.

Bobby Blaze, who worked on the recent Australia tour, has been working some openers has impressed folks.

Debuting at the television taping was Tammy Fyfch (real name Tammy Sutch), who according to the storyline has filed a sexual discrimination suit against Smoky Mountain Wrestling for having no female employees. She said she was a college student from Hilary Clinton's alma mater and talks about Hilary as her personal hero. On one interview, she was asking Dixie

Dynomite if she could become his manager and said that she wants to be just like Hilary Clinton, taking a nobody all the way to the top. Dynomite turned her down. Blaze also debuted at TV, but lost to Eaton in a TV title match that airs 4/24. Chris Candido did some jobs as The Masked Avenger but also debuted as himself doing an interview claiming to be WWA heavyweight champion from New Jersey.

MAY 3, 1993

Kind of a nothing week with weak crowds except for 4/24 in Chilhowie, VA which had a four corners match with Brian Lee & Tim Horner, Heavenly Bodies, Rock & Roll Express and Jimmy Golden & Dirty White Boy (subbing for Robert Fuller) which the Rock & Rolls won.

Stan Lane missed house shows on 4/22 and 4/23 so Jim Cornette teamed with Tom Prichard against the Rock & Roll Express on top. Cornette worked as part of a tag team called The Heavenly Bodies, which doesn't exactly do the name justice.

On this past weekend's television they aired a wild brawl coming out of the three-team match in Knoxville last week which saw every wrestler on the undercard get involved, to set up the 10-man cage match next time in Knoxville.

The first interview with Tammy Fyfch from Wellesley College aired, claiming she's filed a sexual discrimination suit against SMW because they have no women employed in prominent positions in the company. She talked about Hillary Clinton being her role model and said that Hillary showed a woman can take a man who has nothing going for him and take him to the highest office in the land and said she was starting out now as a manager.

The TV in Johnson City was moved from Sundays to Saturday at Noon with no advance warning so that it wasn't even in TV Guide and even the most hardcore SMW fans didn't know about it, which could and probably will slightly hurt the crowd for the 5/15 show with the Rock & Roll Express vs. Heavenly Bodies loser of the fall leaves town match.

Jimmy Backlund from Florida is headed in.

MAY 10, 1993

Robert Fuller, who debuted on Col. Robert Parker on WCW television this past week, is scheduled to fulfill his bookings until the end of May so he's supposed to still be in the Rage in the Cage match on 5/9 in Knoxville.

Tony Atlas is supposed to be starting at the next television, which sounds bizarre to me.

House shows drew 350 to 500 over the weekend.

Highlight was Hazard, KY with a loser gets tarred and feathered match with Rock & Roll vs. Heavenly Bodies. Bodies won via DQ when Robert Gibson was caught using the tennis racket, but in the post-match brawl, it was the Bodies who wound up being tarred and feathered.

On 4/29 in Fisherville, VA, they drew 400 fans, but about 150 were deaf children from around the area. It was an amazing

sight with all the sign language heat going back-and-forth. Gibson was signing back since he's known sign language his entire life since his mother is deaf.

On this weekend's television, Tammy Fytch came out and offered to manage Brian Lee. Lee told her that if he wanted a woman to tell him what to do he'd get married but that she isn't his type, which got a big pop.

Bob Armstrong announced he'd be the referee for the Rage in the Cage match in Knoxville.

They announced for 5/15 in Johnson City, TN that the semifinal for the Express vs. Bodies loser leaves town will be another coward waves the flag match with Tracy Smothers vs. Dirty White Boy.

The Lee winning the TV title from Bobby Eaton match aired, with the Bodies beating up Lee after the match and Rock & Roll making the save.

Also on television, Smothers faced The Avenger (Chris Candido). Ron Wright wheeled himself out eating popcorn out of a popcorn box. White Boy then jumped Smothers and KO'd him with a chain. Wright pulled a paint sprayer out of his popcorn box and White Boy sprayed Smothers' back yellow.

MAY 17, 1993

Smoky Mountain Wrestling ran its biggest angle leading to its summer season on 5/9 in Knoxville at Volunteer Slam II, which drew about 1,100 fans. The show was headlined by what was billed as "Rage in the Cage," basically War Games rules with one ring but also with handcuffs involved. The face team consisted of the Rock & Roll Express & Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Brian Lee vs. Tazmaniac & Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Kevin Sullivan & Killer Kyle with Bob Armstrong as referee. The rules were that the match would continue until all members of one team were handcuffed to the cage, or until when all ten men were in the ring, there was a submission. The heels naturally got the 2-on-1 and 3-on-2, etc. advantage needed for the dramatic purpose of making the match work, although instead of by coin flip, it was by winning three of five singles matches underneath. The match turned into a five-star bloodbath which lasted about 30:00. The only three men not handcuffed at the finish were Ricky Morton, Prichard (who started the match) and Lane. At this point the faces who were handcuffed managed to use their free hand and trap Prichard, leaving Morton alone with Lane and Morton managed to make him submit to the figure four leglock. At this point Armstrong started to unlock the faces and unlocked Fuller and Golden. Fuller and Golden turned at that moment, throwing the key to the handcuffs to Jim Cornette, who by this time had gotten into the cage, and then locked the cage door. Cornette then unlocked everyone on the heel side with the key except Kevin Sullivan (because there was a screw up and he was handcuffed to the handcuff that wasn't supposed to be used because the key didn't work), but Cornette had brought in bolt cutters to cut the cage and allow Sullivan, with a handcuff dangling from his wrist, to be let free. The heels then handcuffed Morton to the cage and went 6-on-1 on Armstrong for several minutes with racquet shots and the like. Actually Armstrong didn't sell Cornette's first racquet shot before he was overpowered by the odds. This lasted for nearly ten minutes which included 36 tennis racquet shots until Tim Horner and Tracy Smothers climbed the cage to make the save and Armstrong did a stretcher job and was taken to the

hospital. Although this is how the angle was supposed to go, apparently one or several of the blows, believed to have either been a stiff racquet shot or a shot by Sullivan in which the swinging handcuff may have potatoed Bob, during the melee legitimately injured Armstrong and he really needed medical attention. The angle was convincing enough that about two dozen fans went to the hospital to check on Armstrong. X-rays showed Armstrong with bone chips in his neck, but those were probably from the 26 or so years Bob worked as a wrestler. But he also suffered a cracked sternum and bruised chest and abdominals and the doctors advised him to stay out of the ring for two weeks. This is all leading to Summer program matches with the Heavenly Bodies vs. Scott & Steve Armstrong and eventually Bob Armstrong vs. Jim Cornette as well which will be what the territory will be built around. This is going to be a crucial period for SMW because of several key talent losses all at the same time coming at a point when a lot of the spot show crowds are in the 250 to 400 range. Several new faces are on the way in, besides Steve Armstrong, Chris Candido, Tony Atlas (who will get a major push as a heel) and a heel tag team which will debut on 6/3 that is only referred to as Jim Cornette's mystery team, although Cornette won't be managing them, just introducing them.

Lance Russell and Les Thatcher were brought in once again to do the announcing on the Volunteer Slam show, highlights of which should air on television this coming weekend.

The semifinal on the card was a Coward Waves the flag match with Tracy Smothers defending the SMW title against Dirty White Boy with Tim Horner and Ron Wright in the respective corners. Finish saw Smothers have White Boy in the STF when Wright wheeled himself over to Horner's side of the ring and threw powder in his eyes. He then draped the ring covering over his head and waved Horner's flag and the ref saw it and awarded White Boy the title. At this point Horner staggered into the ring blinded while Wright, still covered up and not seeing what was going on, continued to wave the flag. The ref uncovered Wright and reversed the decision.

Television highlight this week saw Tammy Fytch offer to manage Dixie Dynamite, but told him he'd have to give up that silly Southern stuff so of course he turned her down.

Kevin Sullivan did a video saying all the psychiatric care really didn't work and that he was basically evil to the core.

Chris Candido had his first television interview calling himself WWA heavyweight champion and said he's going to defend the title in SMW.

Jimmy Golden faced Stan Lane on television in a match where the ref was KO'd, so Bob Armstrong went into the ring to officiate. Jim Cornette went to interfere, but it backfired and caused Lane to get pinned.

Cornette then went nuts on the interview about Armstrong and his family. He said that everyone knew Dixie Dynamite was Scott Armstrong and said that he wore the mask because he was ashamed of who his father was. Dixie then came out and pulled off his mask and said he wore it because he didn't want people to think his father was showing favoritism as commissioner by having his son in the area. Cornette then called Brian Armstrong a deserter (Brian was a decorated soldier in the Persian Gulf conflict) which brought Bob out. The two argued with Bob slapping Cornette. It was in many ways a

reprise of the angle Cornette did with Bill Watts in 1984 which led to a show that drew 25,000 fans to the Superdome.

They ran a couple of angles on 5/8 in Barbourville, KY as well, one of which will probably air this coming weekend on television. Lane & Prichard wrestled Fuller & Golden which ended with Fuller getting pinned after being hit by Cornette's racquet, but after the match a brawl broke out and Fuller caught Lane in the Fuller leglock for a long period of time and Lane arrived for the 5/9 show in Knoxville with his knee all taped up selling the "injury" from the previous night which eventually led to him submitting in the Rage in the Cage. Also on that show was a Battle Royal won by White Boy, although he actually was thrown over the top during a ref bump. A second ref came out and they announced the "\$10,000" check was being held up until the next card in town when Brian Lee (last man eliminated) and White Boy have a singles match.

There seems to be a lot of controversy regarding the "HIV" chants that Cornette gets the fans to yell at him. I know some will try and defend it saying it's harmless fun, but it isn't. If one person in that crowd has one close friend or relative suffering from a disease that the end result is an agonizing death, trivializing it in that manner can be both painful and uncomfortable.

MAY 24, 1993

The loser leaves town SMW title match between the Rock & Roll Express vs. Heavenly Bodies on 5/15 in Johnson City, TN wound up with Stan Lane being pinned. A lot of teased finishes were used in front of a crowd of just under 1,100 paid. Jim Cornette put ether on a towel on Robert Gibson, but Ricky Morton made the save on the pin and tagged in. Morton worked by himself for a few minutes and kicked out of a rocket launcher and a power bomb. After a missed second rocket launcher, Morton tagged the revived Gibson. Later in the match, Morton had a sleeper on Stan Lane when Cornette interfered again, but before he could use the racquet, Morton stopped him and put him in a sleeper. Lane got the racquet and hit Morton, who kicked out again. Finally all four were outside the ring and went to a double count out. The fans were really upset at this point figuring they'd been ripped off, when Sandy Scott came down and ordered the match re-started saying that somebody was going to leave town. Finally Gibson pinned Lane after a bridging leglock. At the 5/17 television tapings in Harlan, KY they introduced Jimmy Backlund (Jim Richland) under the name Jimmy Del Rey, as Tom Prichard's gigolo cousin and form the New Heavenly Bodies, who will feud with Steve & Scott Armstrong on top. Lane, who had been with Cornette since Dennis Condrey left the Midnight Express tag team in 1987, had philosophical differences with Cornette which led to the sides splitting. Lane had asked to leave back in February but stayed on so that he wouldn't be leaving at the same time as Bobby Eaton and so it could be properly written within the context of the storyline. Lane wanted more money and more days off because of the travel involved since he was driving in for the shows by himself from Charlotte and didn't want to move to Knoxville, plus was apprehensive about cutting his forehead, which is something of a staple in several of the gimmick matches SMW often features on top.

Aside from the loser leaves town match on 5/15 in Johnson City, they also wound up with the SMW title held up in a match with Tracy Smothers vs. Dirty White Boy in a Coward Waves the flag match with Tim Horner and Ron Wright scheduled to be in the respective corners with flags. Ron Wright missed the show because he was working late at his regular job

(announced as he was under medication for one of his imagined illnesses since part of his gimmick is being a hypochondriac) so they brought out his brother Don Wright in White Boy's corner, who nobody has seen in about 15 years. Don threw powder in Horner's eyes. The two wound up fighting on the floor over the flags and Horner got Wright's flag and began pounding on him with it. The referee sees the flag waving that Horner is pounding Wright with and calls for the bell, but it's Don's flag and not Horner's. At this point Wright crawls underneath the ring and comes out on the other side, and the referee awards the match and title to White Boy. After much confusion they announced that the title was being held up and they'll be settling it on 6/11 in Knoxville.

Tony Atlas backed out of his role which was supposed to start at the 5/17 tapings. I believe he was going to be managed by Tammy Fytch, but it isn't going to happen.

Also in Johnson City, Night Stalker no-showed (as he did the entire weekend since he started with WWF a week earlier) so Brian Lee faced Kevin Sullivan in a spike in a box match. Lee wore a t-shirt when he made the challenge and the two went at it. Sullivan got the spike and used it on Lee's chest, but Lee kicked out of the pin. Lee then got the spike and used it on Sullivan and got the three. After the match Lee took off his t-shirt revealing a thick protective pad taped to his chest. Sullivan attacked photographer Jo Ellen Hallmark after the match as he went crazy.

Add Ron & Don Harris to the names headed in.

The television show that aired on 5/15 consisted mainly of highlights from 5/9 in Knoxville including airing 15 minutes of the Rage in the Cage match and Jim Cornette doing a heavy interview saying he hoped they had killed Bob Armstrong. Add a fractured wrist to the list of injuries Armstrong received. Apparently the cracked sternum was from Cornette giving him too many stiff racquet shots in the chest.

Chris Candido was at television 5/17 in Harlan, KY billed as WWA world heavyweight champion and claiming he wants to defend the real world title in SMW, but Bob Armstrong refuses to recognize it as a valid title.

Tammy Fytch continued to try and get wrestlers that would let her manage them at the tapings including Horner and Rock & Rolls.

MAY 31, 1993

Slow week with the main angle taking place 5/22 in Morristown, TN during a Jim Cornette vs. Tim Horner match. As Horner was destroying Cornette, Dirty White Boy hit the ring and hit Horner with a chair. Tracy Smothers then ran in to make the save and White Boy threw powder in his eyes. As Horner makes a comeback and chases White Boy away, Smothers is swinging wildly not seeing and then punches Horner a few times. The two start brawling all over until the Rock & Roll Express separate them. This is going to lead to a singles match between the two of them on 7/2 in Morristown.

This weekend's television show aired about 20 minutes of clips and highlights of the top two matches (Smothers vs. White Boy and loser leaves town Rock & Roll vs. Heavenly Bodies) from 5/15 in Johnson City.

Tammy Fyfch tried to get Smothers under contract but Smothers said the only thing on his mind was regaining the SMW title on 6/11 in Knoxville so said he couldn't even think about it until after then.

Bob Armstrong did an interview saying he was resigning as commissioner and that he, Scott and Steve Armstrong would be going after Jim Cornette and his men.

Jimmy Del Ray (Jimmy Backlund) debuted as the new member of the Bodies. They said he was Tom Prichard's cousin from Florida who has been training to be a wrestler for the past four years and supporting himself by being a gigolo for rich socialite women. Told as a worker he's a lot better than Stan Lane, but he doesn't have Lane's look and charisma.

Yukihiro Kanemura, who got obliterated by Kevin Sullivan on TV a few months back, along with Hiroshi Itakura of W\*ING will be back in August.

JUNE 7, 1993

Slow week in between programs. The new programs start this coming weekend which are Tracy Smothers in bounty matches, the New Heavenly Bodies vs. Scott & Steve Armstrong and Rock & Roll Express defending the SMW tag team title against Jim Cornette's mystery team which will apparently be Ron & Don Harris.

Kevin Sullivan returns 6/18.

The shows this past week were headlined by Rock & Roll vs. Dutch Mantell & Jimmy Golden and drew in the 200-350 range.

Television focused mainly on pushing a Tim Horner vs. Tracy Smothers deal, which I believe will only take place in Morristown. Both men had squash matches while Dutch Mantell tried to get over that Smothers is hot at Horner for screwing up and waving the flag on the 5/15 show and that Horner is jealous of Smothers because Horner tried so hard to become SMW champion and to beat Dirty White Boy but never could, but Smothers did. They interviewed both together and both denied there were any problems between the two of them.

Ron Wright announced he had cashed in his life insurance policy to put up a \$20,000 bounty on Smothers.

Bob Armstrong in an interview said Jim Cornette was lower than Scandinavian snake feces.

The TV title match on television this weekend saw Brian Lee keep the title when Jimmy Golden was DQ'd when he was caught with the gimmick Mantell gave him.

Tammy Fyfch approached the Rock & Roll Express to manage and they kept bowing to her saying "Not worthy" ala Wayne's World. Fyfch also told them in the approach that Rock & Roll was out-of-date and she wanted to turn them into a "rap" tag team.

JUNE 8, 1993

Ron & Don Harris debuted as Jim Cornette's mystery team, The Bruise Brothers, on 6/3 in Phelps, KY. The next night as Cornette was introducing them in Paintsville, KY, they came

from the crowd rather than the dressing room and jumped the Rock & Roll Express and left them laying to start their program. Cornette is doing their interviews for them, but not accompanying them to the ring on a regular basis.

They also debuted the new headline match of Scott & Steve Armstrong vs. New Heavenly Bodies. On 6/5 in Barbourville, KY, after the match there was a big brawl with the Bodies and the fans and the Bodies and Cornette needed a police escort across county lines.

The Armstrongs wear shirts into the ring with a photo of a pig wearing a bonnet and it says "Mama Cornette" on the shirt which they sell at concession stands and lead chants of "Suey" at Cornette.

Although the build-up for Armstrongs vs. Bodies, particularly the interview and confrontation with Cornette and Bob that aired on television last month, were excellent, it remains to be seen if those four names on top will have enough juice to maintain business. It's too early to tell, although the past few weeks by and large business has been off.

Bobby Blaze got his first television win this weekend. He did an interview and said when he started out in SMW, he was intimidated but now he has confidence he can compete with anyone. At the television tapings on 6/7 in Cumberland, KY, Blaze won the TV title. Brian Lee won for the fifth straight week in the first hour, thus retiring the title. After five consecutive wins, the TV champ gets a bonus and two new guys start the next week facing off for the title. Why? Because that was how it was done on Beat the Champ in the 70s on KCOP in Los Angeles, that's why. Blaze and White Boy drew the names and White Boy destroyed Blaze the entire match but Blaze scored a fluke win with a similar story line as Lightning Kid-Razor Ramon. After the match White Boy destroyed Blaze with a DDT on a chair, kick to the groin and stuffed the check in his mouth and Blaze was "injured" so badly he didn't defend the title in the third hour.

There were noticeable cutbacks in this taping with no production truck brought and the shoot was cut back from four cameras to a two camera shoot. Cornette did a taping last December without the truck and noticed no complaints about production quality so he is of the opinion that the quality of what is on the show is what counts rather than production values and this is a money saving measure.

Chris Candido debuted in the ring as himself on television that aired this past weekend, claiming to be the real world champion, beating Gary Scott in a squash. Candido then said Scott was a contender for any major championship in the world. At the 6/7 tapings, Candido said he was going to file a suit against SMW for not recognizing the WWA title as the real world title. Later Candido put the belt up against Tim Horner in Cumberland and pinned him using a chain, but after the bout ref Mark Curtis found the chain and reversed the decision.

The SMW title will be decided on 6/12 in Knoxville between Smothers and White Boy, with the belt currently held up. Judging from television, it appears Smothers will be regaining the belt. Before the television taping they did an angle for the house show where White Boy stole the belt, but then Smothers got it back and wore it during his television appearances.

On Down and Dirty with Dutch, Cornette and Mantell pretty much patched up their feud because Dutch was happy Cornette did what he did to Bob Armstrong. They aired a video of Bob who said he's got both a wrestling and managing license and said Cornette went over the edge when he called his son Brian a deserter. They made it out like Brian will get involved in this feud as well as Bob said Brian would be in wrestling when he's out of the marines. Brian had worked previously here as a jobber called Dark Secret and showed a lot of potential. Jimmy Del Ray then read a letter claiming it was from Scott's girlfriend who wanted to leave Scott for him. Cornette then started insulting Bob's wife and finally Scott and Steve came out and cleaned house.

Brian Lee kept the TV title beating Dirty White Boy. White Boy got the pin using the ropes but Tracy Smothers came out and told the ref, who started the match again, and Lee scored a quick schoolboy.

Show ended with Tammy Fyfch talking with Robbie Eagle. She told Eagle she'd go out with him if he could recruit some wrestlers for her to manage. Bob Caudle then asked Fyfch if this meant she was also going to manage Eagle and she replied, "Are you kidding?"

JUNE 21, 1993

Tracy Smothers regained the SMW title which had been held up by beating Dirty White Boy on 6/11 in Knoxville before about 600 fans. After a ref bump, White Boy pulled out a chain and KO'd Smothers and counted to ten himself but no ref. As White Boy went to revive ref Mark Curtis, Smothers pulled out a chain of his own and when White Boy turned out, Smothers hit him with the chain and pinned him

Robert Gibson's back went out so Tim Horner subbed for him all weekend in matches against The Bruise Brothers which have been ending with The Bruise Brothers doing a switch and pinning Ricky Morton

Got a chance to catch up on this group's tapes this past week. While the storylines are the most clearly focused in wrestling and the group has the best interviews in wrestling, the charisma level of the top talent has gone down with the loss of several wrestlers of late. While Stan Lane isn't anywhere near even the same league as a worker as Jimmy Del Ray, Del Ray upon first glance looks like nobody that would catch your eye. Actually, he's almost shockingly good in the ring on his timing and execution, even comparable to Bret Hart in actual execution but with better moves, but obviously lacking the presence and charisma. Chris Candido, who looks amazingly like Eddie Graham, is also a very good worker considering this is his first real territory. He's been wrestling since he was a teenager and his grandfather was former WWF wrestler Chuck Richards, who some of you may recall from the early 70s. Steve Armstrong is also a good worker that lacks charisma and is weak on interviews, while Scott is better on interviews but also lacks headlining charisma. Bob, who will join them in six-mans later this summer, is a great babyface interview, but can't do much in the ring anymore

On television this weekend, Candido beat Bobby Blaze using the tights, and then when Bob Caudle brought it up, Candido said it was typical Southern poor camera work and said he's from New Jersey and everyone knows that nobody from New Jersey cheats

Jim Cornette said that when they dug into a Pharaoh's tomb, the tomb was holding Bob Armstrong's birth certificate

Tammy Fyfch came out again with Robbie Eagle and Eagle tried to get Tim Horner to sign up with her so he could get a date with her. Horner turned her down. Eagle asked if they could still go out and she said that she'd rather date the Kentucky rednecks in the audience than him

Jobbers Mike Samson and Paul Lee came out and said they wanted to collect the bounty that Ron Wright put on Tracy Smothers. Smothers came out and tried to reason with them saying that it's a lot of money, but they'd be taking the wrong path. They jumped him but he made his own comeback on them until White Boy came out and choked Smothers out with a garbage bag over the head suffocation move

TV main event saw Heavenly Bodies beat Armstrongs when Cornette hit Steve with the tennis racquet.

JUNE 28, 1993

The big news from the week is that Brian Lee turned heel on 6/21 in Johnson City. It started as Tracy Smothers was wrestling Kevin Sullivan. Tracy had things going his way when Dirty White Boy came out and hit him with a chair. Sullivan took control, however Smothers managed to pin Sullivan anyway. Both men attacked Smothers after the match until Lee came in with a chair and beat both men up and ran them off. Lee then helped Smothers up, put him in the chair, bounced off the ropes and clotheslined him off the chair. He then destroyed Smothers with a chair and came off the top rope five times on him.

Bob Armstrong returns on 7/1 and will start being in his sons' corners at that point in their tag matches against the Heavenly Bodies.

Smothers needed six stitches legit when an errant chair thrown by Sullivan on 6/20 in Pikeville split his head open.

Terry Funk, Yukihiko Kanemura, Crash the Terminator and Miguelito Perez will be coming in during mid-August.

Dutch Mantell on television came out with a cap and gown claiming to have gotten an honorary doctorate in philosophy from the University of Delaware and professor Douglas Stalker (a real person). They aired a video of Bob Armstrong where he talked about the Armstrong Family tradition. Jim Cornette then came out and said the Armstrong family tradition was alcoholism, unemployment and defeat.

Chris Candido did an interview complaining about SMW not recognizing his WWA title and said that he was like a combination of Buddy Rogers and Ric Flair, but unlike them, he was a natural blond.

Brian Lee won his fifth straight Beat the Champ match and as they were about to present him with a check, Smothers came out and interrupted his interview, although he apologized about it but Lee acted upset (first hint of the turn).

Smothers beat Abdul Hassan in a bounty match and after the match, Tammy Fyfch again asked Smothers if she could

manage him. Smothers said she was pretty on the outside but ugly to the bone on the inside and turned her down. She said this was the last straw and that she was tired of being run down by Jethro Bodine lookalikes.

This show was the first one with the new set up with two cameras instead of four and without the television truck and the production quality was noticeably inferior.

JULY 5, 1993

Two title changes at the television tapings on 6/28 in Council, VA. The Bruise Brothers won the SMW tag team titles from the Rock & Roll Express when Jim Cornette hit Robert Gibson over the head with the tennis racquet. The TV title also changed hands. Bobby Blaze was scheduled to defend against Dutch Mantell, however Mantell claimed he had pulled a hamstring and brought in a masked man called The Mighty Yankee to take his place, who turned out to be Dirty White Boy using the mask he used in Mexico when he was one of the American Eagles tag team with Danny Davis. Yankee won the title with a loaded head-butt.

Bob Armstrong returned at the tapings doing a Bill Watts angle and interview. Cornette, The Bruise Brothers, Killer Kyle and The Heavenly Bodies were beating up the Rock & Roll Express when Scott & Steve Armstrong went in for the save, but it was still six-on-four. Bob then came out with a baseball bat and cleared the ring. Armstrong did an interview saying he was Buford Pusser and was walking tall and carrying a big stick (Watts' trademark interview line in the late 70s and early 80s).

Brian Lee, who is now managed by Tammy Fyfch, has been getting even more cheers since he turned heel than when he was a face.

In one angle, Lee did an interview talking about his new house, new car and new pool as payment from Fyfch for his services. Tracy Smothers came out and said that was a switch because usually Fyfch gets paid for her services and they started brawling, during which Fyfch sprayed hair spray in Smothers' eyes.

Later in the taping, Tim Horner was scheduled for a TV title match against White Boy, but Horner claimed he had pulled a muscle and sent in a masked substitute called Underdog, who of course was Blaze. Blaze came down and said those immortal words, "There's no need to fear, Underdog is here." Unfortunately, as Underdog had White Boy pinned, Ron Wright ran the bell. Underdog got up thinking he'd regained the title and White Boy caught him from behind with two DDT's and got the pin.

They held a one-night King of Kentucky tournament on 6/24 in Hazzard. The semifinals saw Lee beat Blaze and Smothers beat White Boy. After the latter match, White boy hit Smothers with a chain. Lee then jumped in and demanded the finals begin right away and pinned Smothers in one minute after five kneedrops off the top rope.

On television this weekend, Chris Candido did an interview saying WWA President Dennis Coraluzzo is personally upset at SMW for not recognizing him as world heavyweight champion. He said he's staying in SMW because the

competition is so weak although he's tired of being paid in food stamps.

They announced the Summer Blast tour for mid-July with the top matches being Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong vs. Heavenly Bodies & Cornette, Rock & Roll vs. Bruise Brothers in no DQ title matches, Smothers vs. Lee and Horner vs. Candido. In Knoxville and Johnson City they'll also have Kevin Sullivan vs. Yukihiro Kanemura.

Dutch Mantell interviewed both Smothers and Horner about their match on 7/2 in Morristown. Mantell brought up that Horner waved the flag costing Smothers the SMW title and that Smothers punched Horner a few weeks later and the two wound up arguing amongst each other.

Cornette did an interview saying he was going to send Bob Armstrong some geritol so he could be competitive.

The video quality of the television this weekend was well up from the previous week.

Cornette is putting together a package for newsletter readers for a one week tour of Tennessee from 8/13 to 8/21 which will include Golden Circle ringside tickets to five or six house shows including two major shows and a television taping, bus transportation to the shows, lunch with the faces, dinner with the heels, video parties, etc. We should have more details available next week.

JULY 12, 1993

Bob Armstrong returned to the house shows this past weekend teaming with his sons Scott & Steve against The Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette. Bob got a huge reaction, which should come as no surprise to anyone who has seen his interviews building to his return, but the crowds are still below average.

Tom Prichard, Chris Candido and Tammy Fyfch were in an auto accident on 7/2 but none were injured seriously. Candido missed the show since they arrived late, but the other two both worked, with Fyfch working despite having a head cut from the accident that needed six stitches. The main event on 7/2 was a four-star face vs. face title match with Tracy Smothers defending against hometown wrestler Tim Horner in Morristown. The bout went 25:00, mainly scientific except for a few temper flurries. After a series of collisions, both wrestlers and the referee who down on the mat when Fyfch and Brian Lee showed up with Lee wearing a biker's glove. Lee KO'd Horner and put Smothers on top. Smothers covered Horner for a two count, then got up when the fans screamed about Lee. Lee eventually KO'd Smothers with the glove until Horner made the save.

7/3 in Barbourville, KY saw a Rock & Roll Express vs. Bruise Brothers match for the latters' SMW tag team title end up in a brawl out of the building and the two teams were pounding each other in the back into the ring truck as an angle to build up a falls count anywhere match next month.

Big Bossman will be headed in to work some dates in mid-August.

SMW has finalized plans for a one-week long fan convention from 8/13 to 8/20 aimed specifically at newsletter readers which is the first time any wrestling promotion has ever attempted such an undertaking. SMW will provide all fans to ringside seats for seven house shows in the eight day period, hotel rooms at the Grand Hotel in Pigeon Forge, TN (in the heart of the Smoky Mountain tourist area), bus transportation to all the house shows, a lunch with all the babyfaces, a dinner with all the heels, a wrestling training class with Tim Horner and a interview/press conference Q&A session with Jim Cornette which fans can videotape for their own collection. SMW will be planning three major events during that period and hold one television taping. On 8/13 they'll have a show called "Hot August Night in Motown," in Morristown, TN, 8/14 is the second annual "Fire on the Mountain" card in Johnson City, TN which will be headlined by a Rage in the cage (War Games) and 8/20 will be a card entitled "K-Town Showdown" in Knoxville. The television taping will be 8/16 in Clintwood, VA. There is both the full eight days plan and also a shortened five day version from 8/13 to 8/17. Besides the regular SMW crew, already confirmed as working the big shows are W\*ING wrestlers Crash the Terminator, Miguelito Perez and Yukihiro Kanemura (who will have a revenge match with Kevin Sullivan on 8/13), plus Mongolian Stomper and Big Bossman. For more information, contact Brian Hildebrand at 615-585-8454 or write to Fan Week, P.O. Box 1279, Morristown, TN 37816.

This weekend's television show saw a poolside interview with Brian Lee and Tammy Fytch. Lee said that Tracy Smothers was hogging all the glory in SMW and Fytch said she wanted to bring Lee up to Wellesley to show off to all her college friends. When asked if she thought she could control Lee, Fytch pulled off her robe and was wearing a bikini and said she'd never had any problems controlling men before.

Chris Candido did an interview and said the WWA was planning a PPV show with himself on top plus Stallone, Schwarzeneggar, Van Damme, etc. Tim Horner said the WWA title didn't even mean anything and the two had an impromptu match with Candido using a chain, but getting caught for the DQ. Jimmy Del Ray and Steve Armstrong wrestled in the TV main event which saw Cornette interfere for the DQ and it wound up in a brawl with Scott Armstrong, Tom Prichard, The Bruise Brothers and Rock & Roll Express all involved as the show went off the air.

JULY 26, 1993

Brian Lee won the SMW title on 7/17 in Johnson City, TN from Tracy Smothers. The finish saw a ref bump and Smothers had Lee pinned. Tammy Fytch tried to use hair spray but Smothers blocked it, but while this was going on, Lee got a black motorcycle glove from Fytch's purse and used it to KO Smothers.

The cards on 7/16 in Knoxville and in Johnson City drew 1,100 and 900 respectively, probably as much due to Bob Armstrong working against Jim Cornette as anything else, since Armstrong's babyface interviews are right up there with Jerry Lawler's as the best in the business right now. Armstrong's line of the week was that when Jim Cornette was a little baby and sucking his mommy's pacifier, he was out kicking butt. And he's still kicking butt and Cornette's still sucking.

Rock & Roll Express will be gone next weekend because of a WAR tour, so they are adding Battle Royals to next week's house shows.

The headline matches on all the shows continue to be Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong vs. Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette, with the result changing each night. In Knoxville, Tom Prichard hit Bob with a chair and Cornette pinned him. A wild brawl ensued afterwards with the Rock & Roll Express, Bruise Brothers and Killer Kyle all involved ending when Bob cleaned house with a baseball bat.

On the weekend television show, Fytch did an interview saying that when Lee wins the title, he'll get the biggest present of all from her. The writing in all of the previous Fytch segments on television has been great from the start. However, Fytch had never worked before so the delivery and execution at the beginning wasn't that hot. However, her week-by-week improvement was noticeable and on the television show that aired two weeks back with the poolside interview, she demonstrated real star potential.

Smothers did an interview calling her Tammy Witch, with Witch spelled with "a Capital B."

The title change where Dirty White Boy under a hood as The Mighty Yankee won the TV title from Bobby Blaze aired.

Cornette did an interview and said that SMW officials wouldn't allow the Bruise Brothers to give the title belts to the Heavenly Bodies because titles have to be won and lost in the ring. Cornette joked that in other organizations they just hand over belts left and right.

AUGUST 16, 1993

The weekend television was mainly to heat up the three big shows. Jim Cornette did a heated interview talking about the Armstrong Family Tree, saying his relatives included Benedict Armstrong, General George Custer Armstrong, that Bob's father was the first member of the family to ever hold a job, and that he was a shoe salesman and that in Georgia they named a shoe after him, black loafers, that Bob's mother was in more men's laps than a napkin, that Bob's daughter was voted in her high school yearbook Most Likely to Conceive, etc. Then they aired a video of Bob training the Rock & Roll Express and his sons in the woods climbing trees. Dutch Mantell said the video was shot in South America. Bob destroyed photos of Cornette with a belt.

Chris Candido did an interview talking about his diaper match and baby bottle matches coming up this next two weeks. He said it shows what a joke the promotion was and that a real promoter like Dennis Coraluzzo of the WWA would never allow matches like that.

The television main event was Brian Lee vs. Tim Horner. After a ref bump, Horner had Lee pinned. Candido then attacked Horner and Tammy Fytch gave Lee the glove. Smothers got the glove but before he could use it, Fytch sprayed hair spray in his eyes. Lee got the glove but before he could use it, Horner got up and made the save.

Jimmy Del Rey dislocated his shoulder on 8/6 in Barbourville, KY but was still working and taking big bumps the next night.

SMW will be losing its television in Beckley, WV once football season starts.

The Horner-Candido baby bottle matches that took place this weekend ended with Candido DQ'd, while Bob Armstrong beat Cornette in a cage match on 8/7 in Beckley.

AUGUST 23, 1993

Smoky Mountain Wrestling is seen as a lot of different things by different people. Some long-time fans see the group as a glimmer of hope that the future of wrestling will be the same as the past, but completely different from the present. Some see it as the only American wrestling show worth getting tapes of on a weekly basis. Fans in the cities where SMW promotes regularly probably see it more as simply the latest incarnation of local wrestling promotions that have come and gone for decades. Some wrestlers are using it as a chance to stay in wrestling and still be big fish, albeit in a smaller pond than they used to play in. Others are using it, and have used it, as a place to gain experience and a potential springboard to hit major promotions. And a few are just happy to be there and have no aspirations to work for anyone else in the United States, even though they could if they wanted to.

After being around for more than 18 months, Smoky Mountain Wrestling has established a legitimate foundation of fans in its core cities and can be viewed as one of only four legitimate full-time wrestling circuits left in the United States. But it is completely different than the other three.

The WWF is the established No. 1 promotion, still national in scope, suffering in recent months at the box office, but showing legitimate signs of revitalization. For the most part its product quality has taken a major turn for the better in recent months. But only those living in denial of the obvious can't recognize it has potentially the biggest cloud over its head in terms of if there is a fallout coming from the Justice Department investigation. Any long-term analysis of its situation by examining traditional wrestling factors or worrying about product quality, gates, angles, television ratings, etc. looks murky, but may not even be germane. WCW is the laughing stock of the industry. Those at SMW are quick to point out that they largely outdraw WCW in head-to-head competition within their territory. In fact, based on average attendance, SMW doesn't trail far behind WCW. And that's with a company in which the salaries of the entire crew combined for one year is less than half of what either Sting, Sid Vicious or Big Van Vader will earn this year. While the life support systems of the remnants of the traditional National Wrestling Alliance of the 60s and 70s are waiting to be pulled, one factor can't be overlooked. WCW has the largest money conglomerate ever backing a wrestling promotion in this country. Major losses, the size of which would have killed every wrestling promotion in history in this country may be nothing more than annoying headaches for bookkeepers at Turner Broadcasting. Any traditional analysis of this company looks worse than bleak, but it, too, can't be judged by traditional wrestling standards. As long as TBS wishes to support the company, it can ride out any financial storm. The only other group left is Jarrett Promotions, the final leftover of the territorial days. Jarrett is the lone survivor of the deaths of the territories caused by a number of factors, the biggest of which is the inability of the others, most of which were long-time monopoly businesses, to stay competitive against more financially strong and usually much smarter competition.

Smoky Mountain has almost risen from the ashes of the corpse of the wrestling business. But over the past nine months, even though from a business standpoint the group is largely in the

same basic situation it was in, the look and face of the promotion are completely different. The Smoky Mountain Wrestling office of November, 1992, the last time we made the trip there, was new in almost no way except name. It was largely a conglomeration of veteran talent, most of which had worked before in previous Knoxville-based circuits and had seen its best days. Most of the wrestlers were knowledgeable in that they knew what to do to get a reaction, and could still do enough of it to get by and keep the audience riled up. It was obvious at that time from attending the shows that fans put up with, laughed with and at, and got a little heated during a series of prelim matches. The crowd basically waited for the real celebrities of the promotion, The Rock & Roll Express vs. The Heavenly Bodies with Jim Cornette, to tear down the house, which they did often enough to slowly build up a following at a time much of the rest of the business was sinking in a quicksand of red ink. While the newest office in the country, it also was the oldest in terms of age of its wrestlers. Gradually, more by the process of coincidence than any long-term plan, the August 1993 version of Smoky Mountain Wrestling looks completely different.

One thing is still the same. Those brief spots in matches with wrestlers who are either a little too green or just not talented enough that make a fan groan, still rarely exist. There are no Van Hammers or Erik Watts' being shoved down the fans' throat without much of a clue as to what to do. From the top of the show to the bottom, you rarely see a bad match, which is something none of the four major multi-million dollar companies in the world can boast of.

In the past nine months, Smoky Mountain Wrestling has established staying power. While artistically they are a success, financially it is most likely they are still just hanging in there. I've been told a normal spot show needs 400 to 500 fans to break even. Back in May and June, they weren't coming close to that, and even now, they hover around that figure most nights. Knoxville, the largest city on the circuit, has been a break-even proposition most shows because of the higher costs of renting and working at the auditorium. It's not an exaggeration to say that every penny is pinched. For example, tickets in Knoxville only go on sale a week or two before the event to save the \$50 per day ticket charge the building box office has. Television production has been cut back as compared with months before. Still, the company keeps chugging along, fueled by a crew of wrestlers and other assorted personnel largely consumed by wrestling rather than people driving from towns to get a payday. There are spiritual uplifts, such as being the first promotion ever to be mentioned on television by the WWF, and in a positive light, something that even two months ago would have seemed mind-boggling. And there are the financial successes, a near-\$10,000 house, the second largest in the history of the promotion, this past Saturday night in Johnson City, TN.

But for all the romanticizing people do about SMW, and for all the talk about the quality of its television show, the booking, the interviews, and the workrate, this is still more a story of an ability to survive and perhaps even a constant battle to survive.

On the positive side, no promotion in the country has as high a percentage of good workers. The television, despite having virtual no production budget as compared with the big boys, as is good as any around. No promotion can touch SMW for the quality of interviews from top-to-bottom. And at least based on three shows this past week that I attended, from top-to-bottom SMW puts on the best consistent house shows in the country. A Friday night show at an old red brick high school gym in

Morristown, TN was, for heat and match quality, as consistently good quality as any PPV show thus far in 1993 besides the WCW SuperBrawl. A Monday night television held at a middle school in a coal mining town somewhere in the hills of Virginia before 300 fans was more entertaining than any WWF taping held in the Bay Area in the past eight years. From a spectator standpoint, the wrestling ring they work in is the best in the country, and leaves one confused as to why WWF and WCW can't or don't build a comparable ring. The key seems to be the amplified noise level that impresses the audience with every bump. On the negative side, fans watching the first hour of the taping were hit with so many angles that few were able to remember them all. The promotion also uses more groin shots per capita than any promotion I've ever seen. Without exaggeration, there must have been close to two dozen on Saturday night in Johnson City, TN.

SMW wrestlers work anywhere from two to five nights per week, generally earning \$100 to \$200 per shot, that's income before expenses. The babyfaces augment their income by selling photos, t-shirts, buttons, etc. of themselves that they autograph before the show and during intermission, but nobody is going to get rich working this territory, nor are they going to starve to death for the privilege and fringe benefits of being called pro wrestlers. It's funny because almost to a man, everyone who worked WCW that is with this group will complain about the guaranteed contracts in that group creating unmotivated talent and that the old system of being paid on the house was superior. Yet, albeit on a much smaller scene, the wrestlers here work on a certain amount per shot, rather than a varying pay determined by the house. The overall attitude of the performers is tons better than those making a lot more in WCW, and there isn't the constant jealousy that's so prevalent in the WWF and USWA. The face crew is led by Bob Armstrong. Now in his mid-50s, Bob looks in good shape considering his age, but everyone knows his age since he's got four sons who are active wrestlers, and can only work in short spurts. Correctly used, he's been an effective draw since the angle that subsequent moving from "commissioner" to active wrestler. Over the long haul he's better suited for the commissioner role, but there's still a little mileage left for his as an active wrestler. His son Steve is a very good worker, but somewhat lacking in charisma. His son Scott is adequate in the ring, but smaller than everyone else on the circuit. His son Brian, who also works as TV jobber The Dark Secret, has the most size, but is short on experience and doesn't have the "look" of a star. The top singles babyface is Tracy Smothers, who has been a good worker for years but is now on the borderline of being great, with those who traveled to SMW this weekend seemingly feel he was the best worker in the promotion. He may be the most improved wrestler in the world this year. But it's questionable how long he'll keep that spot since it seems he's going to become a regular traveler to All Japan, and the promotion can't continually "injure" its lead face as it did this past week to enable him to leave for a month. Smothers, who fashions himself and the wrestlers in the promotion as the L.A. Raiders of wrestling, has a most interesting role with his gimmick of waving the Confederate flag as the Wild Eyed Southern Boy. After an angle where the flag was burned by Dirty White Boy, an obvious Southerner who gets heat by pretending to be from New York, the flag became an even more focal part of its appeal. It was ironic that the first day in Tennessee, on the front page of the Knoxville newspaper was a story about the local controversy surrounding the flag and how most blacks and some whites find it offensive as if it somehow represents slavery and/or racist viewpoints. For better or worse, blacks don't attend SMW shows, either. The most popular act on the promotion, after all

these years, is the Rock & Roll Express, who, along with the original Heavenly Bodies and Jim Cornette, largely rebuilt the territory. Ricky Morton is still very good and Robert, as always, is just good enough not to hurt the team. They must like working here since they turned down an offer to be the top face tag team in WCW a few months back. Underneath are Tim Horner, a solid worker who lacks charisma, but has some appeal as a hometown boy, and Bobby Blaze, a jobber who has the "never quit" gimmick and shows a lot of potential.

The heel side isn't quite as strong, although Jim Cornette is far and away the best manager around. Jimmy Del Rey is technically very good, but doesn't look like a star like Stan Lane did. Tom Prichard has everything but the size to be comparable or superior with most of the top stars in the major groups. Brian Lee has the size, and is much better in the heel role than he was as a face. Inside the ring he's not the quality worker of the rest of the crew, but working with Smothers put on great matches. Dirty White Boy, who will be a face probably in about two months, is a great worker, especially for the brawling style the promotion is built around. Kevin Sullivan is limited in the ring, but during his matches he spends very little time in the ring. His unique character is effective because he's so different and more so because he's an excellent interview. Sullivan could be focused on stronger, but he's only a part-timer working in between overseas tours. The Bruise Brothers aren't smooth workers, but are athletic enough and fast enough to be impressive with the Rock & Roll Express. In a territory with so many guys who are 5-9 and 5-10, a pair of 6-8 twins surrounded by guys so much smaller has an intimidating appeal. Chris Candido, who is only 21 and getting his first real chance at a real territory (he worked Memphis last year but was never given a chance there) and has both the attitude and aptitude to be a superstar in time, with his only drawback being his lack of height. Ironically the strength of his work style, doing a lot of hot moves, would be most applicable to New Japan and isn't really necessary and sometimes doesn't even fit his crybaby heel role here. But he's been very good doing the crybaby gimmick, and throws in hot moves from time-to-time perhaps as much for his own enjoyment. Tammy Fytch, doing a college brat gimmick as Lee's manager, is going to be a major star in this business.

On 8/13 in Morristown, TN, about 500 fans paid \$3,500, a figure that disappointed SMW President James Cornette since it was \$800 down from the previous show in the market with what he figured was a stronger card, and also one given a title of "Hot August Night in Motown." From the opener to the main event, the heat from this crowd was incredible. 1. White Boy faced Blaze in the opener with the stipulation that White Boy must make Blaze submit or the match would continue, however Blaze could end the match anytime he could pin White Boy. White Boy got five pins in 12:00 before ref Mark Curtis stopped the action because he ruled Blaze unable to continue, but it was emphasized, he never submitted. \*\*1/2; 2. Mongolian Stomper pinned Sullivan after getting a chair away from him and using it on him in 6:00. It was the same brawl all over the building that they did in November. Stomper, who is 58, is in even better physical condition than before, training for a 150-mile bicycle race, although he can really only do this kind of a match. They actually went outside the building, climbed up the stairs, and came back in the upper deck, then left the building and came back in. At one point Sullivan took a soft drink can and threw it right into Stomper's crotch and found the tool kit and tried to use the pliers on the same body part. \*\*1/2; 3. Horner pinned Candido in 14:00 in which the loser had to drink milk from a baby bottle. Lots of good bumps here and it turned into a very good match. Candido got a pin with his feet

on the ropes, but the ref was told, ordered the match restarted and Horner got the pin with a rolling reverse cradle and bridge. \*\*\*1/2; 4. In a no DQ match for the SMW tag title, The Bruise Brothers beat Rock & Roll Express when one brother pulled the rope down and Gibson took a bump over the top rope backwards, was thrown back in and pinned in 8:00. Fast-paced good action but a little short. \*\*3/4; 5. Smothers beat Lee via DQ for the latters' SMW title in 18:00. Horner was in Smothers' corner to combat Fytch. This was a wild brawl which started fast and stayed there. Smothers brought Lee out of the ring, rammed his head into a wall and threw a drink into his face. It ended with a ref bump, Lee grabbing the coal miners glove, being handed a chain, and eventually the ref seeing this and disqualifying him. \*\*\*1/2; 6. Armstrongs beat Cornette & Bodies in 20:05 via DQ when Bruise Brothers interfered. Steve worked with Del Rey most of the way and it was fast-paced excellent action. Scott sold a lot in the middle and finally Bob tagged in for the finish. The Bruise Brothers destroyed the Armstrongs after the match, then Rock & Roll came in, Cornette and the Bruises then destroyed everyone in sight with the tennis racquet until the ref ran from the ring and came back with a baseball bat and gave it to Bob who cleaned house on everyone. \*\*\*\*

"Fire on the Mountain II" took place 8/14 in Johnson City before 1,400 fans and \$10,000, the second largest house in the company's history. The show's quality was roughly equal to the previous night, although the crowd heat wasn't as strong as the previous night. 1. In a match to determine who would get the advantage in the Rage in the Cage (War Games type match), Del Rey pinned Steve Armstrong in 5:05 after Cornette hit him with the racquet. This match was taped for television and was hot action with big move after big move for its short duration. \*\*\*1/4; 2. White Boy DDQ Stomper in 5:10 when both knocked down the ref and brawled to the back. \*1/2; 3. Big Bossman pinned Sullivan in 8:56. They started by brawling all over the building. Then they actually got in the ring and worked a few minutes. Finish saw Cornette and the Bruise Brothers come to ringside. They set Bossman up for a racquet shot, but he moved and got the racquet from Cornette and hit Sullivan with it for the pin. Afterwards Sullivan and Cornette argued for several minutes with the Bruise Brothers in the ring and finally they all left together. Cornette said he was trying to talk to Bossman because of their past friendship but Bossman wouldn't talk to him. \*\*\*; 4. Candido beat Horner via DQ in 16:30 in another baby bottle match. This was pretty much the same moves, but a little slower in the early stages, but a different finish. Horner now does the Muta handspring elbow. Candido always does a plancha dive. After a ref bump, Horner had Candido pinned. Horner finally got up to help the ref, Candido came running toward him but Horner turned around and Candido sailed over the top rope. Horner was nowhere near him at the time and the ref saw him go over and called for the DQ. After Candido tried to tie Horner up and put the baby bottle in his mouth and eventually succeeded. This was very good until the finish. Candido was hurt a bit so Horner had to wait far too long before turning around, and the tape broke that Candido was to tie Horner up with so the baby bottle segment being shoved into Horner's mouth was sloppy. \*\*\*; 5. Lee pinned Smothers in 20:02 of a Coal Miners Glove match to retain the SMW title. Same type of match as the previous night. Match quality itself was slightly down but the finish was better. It was also a low blow festival in the corner by the pole. Smothers got the glove. Fytch tripped Smothers and Lee got the glove. Smothers hit a dropkick and got the glove back and hit Lee with it and covered him. Fytch distracted the ref and White Boy interfered and hit Smothers with a chair but put Lee on top for the pin. They had a big brawl after the match with Smothers spanking Fytch (you knew that was coming) and

White Boy and Lee double-teaming him with Lee getting the figure four on and White Boy continually jumping on the knees to "injure" Smothers who was carried out. \*\*\*3/4; 6. In a rage in the cage, Rock & Roll & Armstrongs beat Cornette & Bruise Brothers & Bodies in 21:21. Morton bled buckets. Prichard, Don Harris and Scott Armstrong also bled. It wound up with everyone handcuffed except Prichard, Cornette, Morton and Bob Armstrong and Bob made Cornette submit to the spinning toe hold. This wasn't the quality of some of the War Games in NWA of years past, but was a great main event judged by normal standards. \*\*\*\*

The television taping on 8/16 in Clinchport, VA (which is a lot more of a foreign country than Japan) drew about 310 fans at \$6 per head. They opened with a dark match with the Armstrongs beating Cornette & Bodies in 13:25 when Bob pinned Cornette in a \*\*\*1/4 match. Cornette was off the three weeks of television because on 8/20 in Knoxville he has a singles match with Bob in which Bob promised to put him in the hospital or refund all the ticket money, and these shows will air during the time period where he'll apparently be selling the injury. The first show, which I believe will air on 8/28, opened with a Rock & Roll squash, followed by an interview where they talk about getting a tag title shot on 9/11 in Morristown, TN against the Bruise Brothers where both have put up their hair. I was surprised with the reaction, or I should say, non-reaction as far as the hair stipulation, as if nobody seemed to believe it was possible for them to lose with this stipulation even though the Bruise Brothers are twice their size. Morton did a shoot comment about not having a father who was a promoter so he's earned his success. Bob Armstrong then did an interview talking about a 9/12 match in Knoxville against Terry Funk with the SMW commissioners job at stake. The storyline is that now that Bob has gained his revenge on Cornette, he wants his job back, but Cornette filed an injunction blocking it on the grounds he'd be unfair to him because of their grudge. In order to avoid the years of legal work, Cornette agreed to drop the injunction if Armstrong would wrestle a man of his choosing, but if Armstrong loses, then Cornette becomes commissioner. Armstrong then talked about a 9/17 match against a mystery man in Johnson City where either Cornette or he would have to leave SMW forever. After a White Boy squash in which he retained the TV title for the fifth week, retiring the title and earning the "\$5,000" bonus, another new angle started. Ron Wright gave Brian Lee the "\$20,000 bounty check" for injuring Smothers. White Boy went wild saying he was the one who injured Smothers and he should get the bounty and stage one of this angle left things in that situation. Tim Horner did an interview talking about a country whipping match with Candido. Candido then had a squash match with Jason West, in which he did a Liger style flip dive out of the ring before winning with a superplex while standing on the top rope. After the match Candido kept whipping West with a belt to get the stipulation over. Bruise Brothers did an interview talking about the hair match with Rock & Roll and segued into a later feud with Scott & Steve Armstrong. TV main was Sullivan vs. Steve A, which went 4:43, but it was hot action with brawling all over the studio and Steve juicing. After Steve hit a clothesline off the top, the Bruise Brothers interfered to make it a 3-on-1 before Scott and Bob made the save. It's very hard to believe Scott running guys that big out of the ring.

On the show that airs 9/4, stage two of White Boy vs. Lee came out. Smothers did a taped interview saying the doctors said he'd be back in six weeks, but he's coming back in three. Ron Wright, who was almost cured of all his ailments when Smothers was injured, suffered a relapse, and wanted the bounty money back. Lee said it was already spent but Fytch

said it wasn't and started rubbing Wright's head while White Boy yelled about the money. During a Horner squash, Candido came out with a belt and started whipping him. Lee did an interview and White Boy came out again and they added heat to it. The previous show saw White Boy win his fifth TV title match in a row which means he retires the title, so Morton faces Del Rey for the belt. Prichard and Gibson were at ringside. This match had a ton of heat and will be a very good TV match and was the best match of the evening. It went 7:35 and was \*\*\*1/4. Tom threw a chain to Del Rey which he used for the pin. Show ended with Bodies challenging the Steiners (this takes place in early October) for the WWF tag title, pretty much acknowledging not winning the tag titles at Summer Slam but wanting a rematch "on neutral grounds." Rock & Roll came out and they had a two punch brawl before the show ended.

Third hour opened with Scott & Steve against Mike Samson & Dark Secret, who is really Brian Armstrong. Steve did a tremendous dropkick off the top on his brother for the pin. Horner then did an interview with a blue baby bonnet as Candido was in the ring for a match with Robbie Eagle. Horner said that if Candido lost to Eagle, that Candido would have to wear a baby bonnet until he won another match on television. Horner said that if Candido won, that he'd wear the baby bonnet until he could win a match on television. Candido asked Eagle how many bouts he had won on TV and he said none and Candido started laughing. This turned into a good match with Eagle throwing some hot suplexes to gain near falls before Candido took over and did the superplex off the top. Horner then ran in. Candido went to protect himself and Horner attacked Eagle, getting Candido DQ'd for outside interference and he had to wear the bonnet. Lee beat Blaze to keep the SMW title in 3:30 of a match that wasn't very good although Blaze tried and did a tope out of the ring in the first minute. Lee did an interview and White Boy came out again wanting the money back. Fytch asked for one more week after Smothers comes back because Lee would injure him again so he wouldn't have to give back the bounty. White Boy said no way but after Fytch asked Wright, he agreed to give them one week. Rock & Roll faced Bruise Brothers in the main event which went 5:05 before they hit the double dropkick on Ron, and Sullivan (managing them now) interfered for the DQ. Armstrongs made the save. The final dark match was Candido with the bonnet against Horner. Bout was \*3/4 because Candido mainly worked the bonnet gimmick and got great heat doing so even though the card was nearly four hours old at the time. Candido tripped over the ref and was pinned in 7:56.

At the SMW convention, which continued through 8/20, highlight was several of the SMW heel interviews giving interviews saying all the things they could never say on television, some of which are going to quickly turn into underground classics, and the marathon video parties watching Dream Slam I & II.

AUGUST 30, 1993

Just six days after drawing its second biggest gate in its history, Smoky Mountain Wrestling shattered both its attendance and gate records for the "K-Town Showdown" on 8/20 in Knoxville, TN headlined by a Bob Armstrong vs. Jim Cornette lumberjack match in which Armstrong vowed to refund all the fans' ticket money should he fail to send Cornette to the hospital. A crowd of 2,780 fans paid \$18,100--or more than double the previous biggest gate in the company's history in Knoxville.

The Smoky Mountain record house in Knoxville on 8/20, maybe \$5,000 more than the promotion expected going in, was drawn largely for the Bob Armstrong vs. Jim Cornette match with the ring surrounded by lumberjacks with tennis racquets and Big Bossman as the guest referee. The undercard was filled with gimmick matches as well so that each match had interest. Both Cornette and Armstrong had done hot promos not only on the SMW show, but the show had been heavily plugged for two weeks on the WWF's syndicated television show in the market. Complete details of the show as reported to us were: 1. Bobby Blaze was awarded a victory over Dirty White Boy after 10:00 when White Boy failed to pin Blaze. Pre-match stipulations were White Boy would pay Blaze "\$10,000" if Blaze could last 10:00, however if White Boy pinned Blaze within 10:00, Blaze had to shave his head. Story of the match was Blaze hanging on for dear life at the end \*\*1/4; 2. In a loser had to wear a diaper match, Tim Horner beat Chris Candido via DQ. Candido was caught using a gimmick for the DQ. After the match, Candido tried to run away rather than wear the diaper, and eventually hid under the ring. Horner went under the ring with the diaper for and both disappeared from view. Horner then came up from under the ring, holding Candido's trunks. When Candido came out, he was wearing the diaper since he had nothing else to cover up with, although the diaper was too loose and a few people saw more than they would have wanted to; 3. Brian Lee retained the SMW title pinning Mongolian Stomper after hitting him with the Coal Miners glove given to him by Tammy Fytch. It was believed to have been the first pinfall job Stomper has done in Knoxville in about 13 years. Stomper was subbing for the "injured" Tracy Smothers (on an All Japan tour) \*\*1/2; 4. In a Singapore Spike match, with four boxes on each ringpost, three of which are empty, one of which had a spike in it, Bossman pinned Kevin Sullivan. Most of this match was a brawl in the seats. Reports on this match ranged from it being poor because fans couldn't see so much of it to \*\*\*1/2. They at one point went outside the building and came back in and wound up in the upper deck, but they were gone so long at one point that fans were booing and yelling for refunds. Naturally the first three boxes they went to were empty. After a ref bump, The Bruise Brothers interfered and gave Sullivan the spike from the fourth box. Before he could use it, Bossman pulled out his night stick and beat Sullivan to the punch and pinned him. Sullivan tried to blame the Bruise Brothers for his loss after the match; 5. In a four-corners elimination tag team match, Bruise Brothers were the final survivors over Rock & Roll Express, Heavenly Bodies and Scott & Steve Armstrong. Rock & Roll was eliminated first when Robert Gibson was pinned by Jimmy Del Rey after Tom Prichard used the tennis racquet on him. The Bodies were out next when Steve Armstrong pinned Del Ray after Ricky Morton interfered and hit Del Ray with the racquet. Finish saw one of the brothers pinned Steve Armstrong when he took off his boot and hit Steve over the head with it. \*\*\*\*; 6. The Armstrong-Cornette match started with Cornette showing up with his arm in a sling and a note from his mother excusing him from appearing. Cornette then tried to bribe Bossman, and when it looked like Bossman would accept, he threw Cornette into the ring where Bob beat on him. Del Rey used the racquet on Bob to give Cornette his first advantage, and after Bob's comeback, one of the heel lumberjacks threw powder in Bob's eyes. Bob eventually made the big comeback and gave Cornette two piledrivers and Cornette also juiced (for only the second time in his career, for years he vowed he would never juice). Cornette wound up taken to the hospital after the match.

The 8/21 television show aired four matches from the 8/14 "Fire on the Mountain II" show, all three stars or better, which should make this a must-see show. Steve Armstrong vs.

Jimmy Del Rey, Tim Horner vs. Chris Candido in a baby bottle match, Big Bossman vs. Kevin Sullivan and Brian Lee vs. Tracy Smothers in a coal miners glove match for the SMW title all aired. After the Smothers-Lee match they began the Dirty White Boy face turn and feud with Lee. Both White Boy and Lee took credit for injuring Smothers and wanted Ron Wright's bounty. They argued about it, which leads to several more weeks worth of stuff reported on here last week.

Cornette did an interview outside of Bossman's dressing room trying to talk with him but Bossman wouldn't talk with him.

Candido did an interview before the baby bottle match crying (and he cries in the ring constantly whenever he loses a spot) saying that Buddy Rogers would roll over in his grave if he heard about wrestlers doing a match where the loser had to drink milk from a baby bottle or had to wear a diaper. He then went on to say that Ric Flair and Hulk Hogan would never be put in a situation like that, and went on to claim that he's still the real world champion and a better wrestler than either Flair or Hogan.

On 8/18 at the Jefferson County fair, a match was held in which both the losers had to bungee jump and the Rock & Roll Express beat Heavenly Bodies on the show, so both Bodies did the big jump. Also on the show, Horner beat Lee in a non-title match to earn a title shot on 9/11 in Morristown.

Ref Mark Curtis (Brian Hildebrand) worked on 9/19 in Morganton, NC as the Ninja Turtle, and not only pinned Jim Cornette in a singles match, keeping Cornette's losing streak alive, but also won the Battle Royal.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1993

A down week here as well with a disastrous house of 200 fans on 8/27 in Hazzard, KY for an eight man elimination tag where Rock & Roll Express & Scott & Steve Armstrong beat Bruise Brothers & Heavenly Bodies. It came down to Ron Harris, Jimmy Del Rey and Ricky Morton, with Morton eliminating both.

Rex Hargrove, a former Memphis State football player who worked a little with USWA several months back, is scheduled to debut here this week.

On the weekend television show, Jim Cornette did his first interview from home, in bed. He was wearing a neck brace with his head bandaged, surrounded by stuffed animals. Cornette also vowed to be at Summer Slam.

Rick & Scott Steiner come in to defend the WWF tag titles against Heavenly Bodies on four shows during the first weekend of October. At the 8/31 television tapings for WWF in Grand Rapids, MI, they did an angle for SMW only. After the Steiners had beaten the Head Shrinkers, the Bodies & Cornette jumped the Steiners with racquet shots and powder in the eyes and stole the title belts. Bodies were given three wins at the first television taping, including one over Smoking Gunns, so expect them back in WWF for potential house shows when SMW is running a weekend of small shows and probably the next PPV.

SMW has applied for membership in the NWA. The convention is this coming weekend and if the votes are there and it looks like they are, the NWA promoters are going to attempt to get a

deal that they'll allow Rick Rude to win the title since the TV has already been taped, but only if WCW agrees to have Ric Flair regain the title from Rude at a house show promoted by a non-WCW NWA affiliated promoter.

Terry Funk did his first interview saying how during Bob Armstrong's reign as commissioner of Smoky Mountain Wrestling, that the entire wrestling business nearly died and blamed it all on pushing Bob's no-talent sons.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

The biggest show of the past week took place 9/4 in Barbourville, KY with another Bob Armstrong vs. Jim Cornette cage match on top. Cornette returned from his "injuries" at the hands of Armstrong at the K-Town Showdown, on 9/3 in Council, VA. Also on the show was a hospital elimination match with Scott & Steve Armstrong vs. Heavenly Bodies, which should more appropriately be called a Last Blood match. Steve Armstrong and Jimmy Del Rey bled first. After a ref bump, Del Rey came back out and rubbed his blood all over Scott's face and when the ref saw Scott's face with the blood on it, he stopped the match and awarded it to the Bodies.

Rex Hargrove, a former Memphis State football player who worked a few weeks several months back for USWA, debuted this past week and looked terrible. Actually looks good, works terrible, which would apply to a lot of people.

On television this week, Kevin Sullivan was announced as taking over managerial duties for the Bruise Brothers.

Tracy Smothers did an interview and said he's back with a knee brace on shortly (as in this coming weekend) which caused Ron Wright to have a near seizure.

Dennis Coraluzzo did an interview as WWA President doing a heel mobster gimmick. He said the interview was being done from the "WWA Towers." Coraluzzo said that if Tim Horner didn't stop messing with Chris Candido, that he's send Guido after him and give him a cement overcoat and move him next door to Jimmy Hoffa.

Cornette was on in an interview from his bed at home surrounded by stuffed animals with a neck brace on talking about Summer Slam saying the Bodies were robbed by a home-town Detroit referee and talked about rematches in the SMW territory (although by the time the Steiners come to SMW, they probably won't be the champs). He also called Bob Armstrong a hypocrite because he suspended Paul Orndorff from SMW for using the piledriver, but he used the move twice on Cornette in Knoxville.

This coming weekend has major shows with Bruise Brothers defending tag titles against Rock & Roll Express' hair on 9/11 in Morristown, TN and Bob Armstrong vs. Terry Funk for the commissionership of SMW on 9/12 in Knoxville.

There is talk about running some shows in Georgia after they start television as part of the new Atlanta wrestling block.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1993

The 9/17 show in Johnson City with the Bob Armstrong vs. Mystery Opponent match where either Armstrong or Jim

Cornette would have to leave SMW forever drew 997 fans with Armstrong losing. Actually this show and angle ended up as a major letdown live. Armstrong got a huge pop coming out, but the mystery opponent, hinted on TV as being either Yokozuna, Shawn Michaels or Abdullah the Butcher, with most in the building expecting to see Yoko, ended up being billed as the Black Ninja in a bodysuit (Larry Santo) and the heat died at that point. The match was said to be terrible with no heat. Cornette tried to use the racquet but Bob beat him to the punch and got the sleeper on him. At that point a second guy in the same Ninja costume (Brian Armstrong) hit the ring and attacked Bob from behind and pinned him, so Bob was pinned by his own son, but that won't ever be revealed as part of the storyline. Bob will be returning 10/7 under a mask as The Bullet. Bob has already done that angle before in some of these cities in the mid-80s. Bullet works against Killer Kyle in the bounty matches. Main event was another Tracy Smothers vs. Brian Lee match for the SMW title with Dirty White Boy in a cage. Tammy Fyfch gave Lee the glove and he was DQ'd for using it. White Boy then got out of the cage. Lee grabbed a chair but before he could hit Smothers with it, White Boy grabbed the chair because he wanted to be the one to injure Smothers. As they both argued over who would get to use the chair, Smothers recovered and cleaned house on both.

On the weekend television, Terry Funk did an interview after the match with Armstrong telling Cornette he'd always be available for the right price. By the way, people were saying that particular match was the best match Armstrong was involved in since the last time he wrestled Funk, which as best anyone could remember, was when his sons were teenagers. They aired the Steiners angle from WWF and showed an interview with the Steiners where they said that Arnold the Dog (the Steiners' pit bull who was the long-time holder of the WCW TV title in late 1992) would be at ringside to make sure Cornette didn't interfere this time.

Cornette did the interview with the Bruise Brothers blaming them for listening too much to Kevin Sullivan and that's why they lost the tag titles. He said that as commissioner, he's placing them on double secret probation and that they'd have to start in the opening matches on every card and work their way back up to title contention and that the Heavenly Bodies would be getting all the title shots at the Rock & Roll.

Sherri Martel did a taped interview talking about Tammy. Tammy said that Sherri looked like a man in drag.

Bobby Blaze was announced as U.S. jr. heavyweight champion and Chris Candido said that Blaze won the tournament that included such greats as Bobby Fulton, Jushin Liger and J.R. Benson (a wrestling fan from San Francisco who was at the SMW Fan Week). The previous week Cornette brought up the Observer in his interview from his bed.

Next big show is "The Big Apple Grapple" on 10/1 in Paintsville, KY with Tim Horner vs. Chris Candido in a country whipping match, Bruise Brothers vs. Scott & Steve Armstrong, Rock & Roll Express vs. Bodies for tag title, Lee vs. Smothers for the SMW title and a Battle Royal in which the last man eliminated gets tarred and feathered.

SMW starts on Channel America in October for those of you who either get the station or have satellite dishes.

OCTOBER 4, 1993

A largely uneventful week with three house shows taking place, a 9/23 show in Fleming-Neon, KY which drew about 400, a 9/24 show in Greeneville, TN which drew about 500 and a 9/25 show in Welch, WV which drew about 350. In what may have been the only real news coming out of the weekend, in Welch, during his main event title match against Brian Lee, Tracy Smothers was pounding on him while standing on the turnbuckle, and jumped down and landed wrong and apparently hurt his ankle pretty bad. As of press time nobody seemed to know how serious the injury was or if he'd miss any shows because of it.

The advance for Barbourville, KY for the Steiners appearance in two weeks was huge by this group's standards. SMW traditionally does anywhere from four to ten times their advance when the final gate comes in, which tells you they don't do a whole lot of advance business. Barbourville is traditionally a \$4,000 city, and the first three days after tickets went on sale for the show, they had already done \$2,500. This seems to bode well for the idea that the Steiners will draw well for their four dates from 10/7 to 10/10.

This week's television show was the one where Jim Cornette was impeached as commissioner. The show also aired most of the Heavenly Bodies vs. Steiners match from SummerSlam and replayed the angle the next night and had interviews with both teams.

Cornette assured Chris Candido that he'd get the baby bonnet off him which Candido was forced to wear after losing a challenge and had to wear it in every television match until he scored a win on TV, which Tim Horner had constantly prevented him from doing. Candido wrestled Dark Secret (Brian Armstrong) with Cornette as ref and they went through to totally fake looking exhibition which Candido won, allowing him to get rid of the bonnet. While this was going on, Horner kept saying how fake it all looked. When it was over, Les Thatcher came out and said the SMW board of directors had impeached Cornette as commissioner and they had re-hired Bob Caudle as announcer. Dutch Mantel had been praising Cornette up until that point in the show, and then Mantel started criticizing Cornette saying he was doing a terrible job as commissioner and then asking if he still had a job as commentator.

Bruise Brothers did an interview saying they are going to prove to Jim Cornette that they are worthy of a title shot.

They aired the match where Robert Gibson lost the TV title to Dirty White Boy. Gibson took a bump over the top rope due to outside interference from the Bodies. Scott Armstrong came out with a chair and chased them away. When Gibson got up, he only saw Scott and started blaming him for pulling down the rope and they had a verbal altercation as the show went off the air, putting the seed of doubt into the Armstrongs vs. Rock & Roll matches in two weeks.

OCTOBER 5, 1993

Little happened this past week

They taped an angle over the weekend that should air in a few weeks with Chris Candido going to a river bank to throw the U.S. jr. title into a river. Bobby Blaze showed up and the two got into a scuffle which wound up with Blaze being thrown into the river and coming out covered with all kinds of gook which is

the angle to set up the tar and feather matches over Thanksgiving between the two of them

As of this past weekend, Blaze held the jr. title so the match where Candido "regains" the title will be the match on 10/4 in Jellico, TN when it airs on television this coming weekend. That match was "used" when it took place live to change the title as a few days later Candido showed up at the arenas wearing the belt. Then the title changed three more times that week with Blaze winning the title on 10/10 in Johnson City. The switch back to Candido will be when the same original Jellico, TN match airs on television

Only one house show took place this week as a 10/15 show in Morganton, NC was canceled due to so many injuries. Jimmy Del Rey has a stretched muscle in his leg and had to miss the weekend but will be back on 10/22. Blaze has a partially torn knee ligament and will be out for a few weeks. Robert Gibson also missed the weekend, so the scheduled Rock & Roll vs. Heavenly Bodies main event was Ricky Morton & Tim Horner vs. Tom Prichard & Jim Cornette on 10/16 in Cumberland, KY

The Cumberland show was a series of inside jokes at WCW's weekly shows in Kennesaw, GA that are drawing crowds in the dozens. More than once during the card they plugged that WCW wrestling takes place every Tuesday at the Crystal Chandelier bar in Kennesaw, GA and Cornette & Prichard were introduced as "The Kennesaw, Georgia tag team champions.

Mike Furnas, the younger brother of Doug, who also played football at University of Tennessee, was at ringside at the 10/8 card in Knoxville and Cornette was insulting him. Furnas is being trained by Tim Horner to start wrestling in December

SMW now only television Wednesday nights at 11 p.m. Eastern on Sports Channel America. The show that airs is the most up-to-date program, unlike the USWA tapes on the same station that are several weeks behind

On television, building up to their "surprise" TV match that airs next week, Cornette called The Bruise Brothers a second string team and said what a big disappointment they turned out to be

The Brian Lee, Tammy Fyfch, Ron Wright deal this week had Tammy on with a new Rolex and new dress which she used Ron's credit card for. She asked Ron to adopt her on television and behind Ron's back Brian said, "Is he going to sign the will over to us?" and Tammy makes him be quiet

Darryl Van Horn said that Bobby Blaze was so dumb that when he went to Las Vegas, he spent all night around the roulette wheel waiting to buy a vowel. Van Horn was also talking about his lawyers, who work on the corner of Libido and Cleavage, and said they were so good that they got the charge of sodomy against him reduced to tailgating.

OCTOBER 11, 1993

A couple of major angles and two title changes highlighted the 10/4 television tapings in Jellico, TN. First, a mystery team challenged the Heavenly Bodies for the No. 1 contendership for the tag titles but wouldn't reveal who they were. On the next hour, as the Bodies were in the ring for the match, they played the Bruise Brothers music and Jim Cornette and the Bodies

flipped out. Cornette went on a tirade in the ring at the Bruise Brothers until one of them knocked him down. Cornette then started apologizing, threw his tennis racquet out of the ring as a sign of peace and agreed to have the match. On his way out, Cornette threw powder in one of their eyes and they went 3-on-1 on the other. Finally the other recovered and all five brawled to the dressing room, back from the dressing room into the ring, all over and finally out of the building.

The other major angle ended with Dirty White Boy and Ron Wright as babyfaces. It started with Wright, Tammy Fyfch and Brian Lee doing an interview. Lee was holding a credit card behind Wright's back and pointing as if it was Ron's credit card while Fyfch was wearing a new outfit and flashing new jewelry. Tammy noted she was giving Ron new medication, and when Bob Caudle asked him about his medication, Ron rambled on incoherently about matches in the 60s while Lee did a Chevy Chase imitation making fun of him behind his back. The next week, as the luck of the draw would have it, White Boy's TV title opponent was Lee. White Boy got the early advantage but Lee shoved Wright in the wheelchair into White Boy and posted him. White Boy juiced. Lee got the coal miners glove but when he tried to use it, White Boy ducked and gave him the Bucksnort blaster (choke slam). As he went for the pin, Fyfch sprayed him in the eyes. Lee then hit White Boy with the glove and kept pounding on him until Wright got out of the wheelchair and slugged Lee. Lee then KO'd Wright with the glove and jumped off the top rope twice on Wright's leg. Wright legitimately was scheduled for knee surgery so they're going to tape the surgery for television and credit it to this angle. White Boy was so upset he vacated the TV title, which later in the taping Tim Horner beat Juicy Johnny to become the new champ.

The other title change saw Chris Candido win the U.S. jr. heavyweight title from Bobby Blaze. Candido in a post-match interview said he was going to throw the belt in a river.

Mike Furnas, the younger brother of Doug Furnas, was introduced and Cornette and he got into an argument which should climax in tag team matches.

Lee did one interview and White Boy clobbered him with a chair.

Blaze had a singles match with Lee. After Fyfch's interference gave Lee the win, Lee kept pounding on Blaze after until White Boy mad the save. White Boy then turned face bringing Blaze to the interview area and praising him for having so much guts. Tracy Smothers ended up coming out but Smothers and White Boy still argued.

The Moondogs are coming in to feud with the Rock & Roll Express in November. These aren't the same Moondogs as in Memphis. One will be Spot (Larry Booker) while the other's identity is unknown but it won't be Bill Smithson (Spike), Lanny Kean (Cujo) or Bubba White (Splat).

On television that aired this past weekend, Bob Armstrong had a meeting with the board of directors to get the result of his match where he had to leave SMW overturned, but was turned down, and he then came back wearing the same shirt as The Bullet. Cornette threw a fit and sent Killer Kyle to unmask him at the house shows this coming week.

Darryl Van Horn did his interview claiming he's bringing in a wrestler from Egypt and claimed he's been studying necrophilia (yes, that's doing it with corpses) while overseas. Van Horn also said that Cornette is a master strategist and one of the smartest men in wrestling, and that's why he has to be the first to go.

OCTOBER 18, 1993

The "Night of Champions" series with the Steiners and Sensational Sherri brought in set a record house for Barbourville, KY (1,009 fans, breaking the record of 666 set at the last show) on 10/9, however the other houses were no better than usual as Hazard, KY drew 450, Knoxville drew 1,100 and Johnson City drew 969. The cards were said to have been above the normal standard with most of the matches three stars or better every night.

Sherri got the biggest pop almost every night when she finally punched Brian Lee. Sherri was managing Tracy Smothers in matches with Lee, who is managed by Tammy Fytch, however Lee retained the title.

Arnold the Dog, Scott Steiner's pit bull, managed the Steiners and chased around Jim Cornette and the Heavenly Bodies all four nights. Arnold was chained to the ringpost but jumped on the apron but legit bit both Tom Prichard and referee Mark Curtis over the weekend. The bouts all ended with DQ finishes with each time winning twice.

Smothers will be returning to All Japan for the tag team tournament, although I'm not certain if he'll be Joel Deaton's partner or someone else's.

The tag title matches with Rock & Roll Express defending against Scott & Steve Armstrong ended with no decision as the Heavenly Bodies interfered every night.

The U.S. jr. heavyweight belt changed hands almost every night. Chris Candido won the title from Bobby Blaze on 10/4 in Jellico, TN, but Blaze regained it on 10/8 in Knoxville, lost it back to Candido on 10/9 in Barbourville and regained it again 10/10 in Johnson City. The matches between those two were the surprises of the show.

In matches to determine the No. 1 contender for the SMW title, Dirty White Boy pinned Tim Horner every night after hitting him with a foreign object. White Boy, who was in the midst of a face turn on television, was cheered heavily and started out as a face and the two shook hands several times during the early part of the match before White Boy slugged Horner on the break and worked as a heel the rest of the match.

On 10/10 in Johnson City, Cornette and Killer Kyle managed to unmask The Bullet, but he hid his face on the mat and Rock & Roll Express ran in with a towel and took him to the dressing room. His face was actually exposed for a split second and on television this coming weekend Cornette will demand to show the videotape and when the tape airs it'll show Cornette's body in front of the camera during that split second so you couldn't see it was Bob Armstrong.

This coming weekend's television will be a rundown of the action this past weekend.

Fytch has started a segment called "Tammy's Tips" each week where she talks about perfume, make-up, soap, etc.

Cornette did a television interview and the Bruise Brothers came out asking again for a title shot. Cornette said they've proven to be a second string team and that the Heavenly Bodies were the first string team and they would have to be satisfied being in the first and second matches and had to work their way back up to the top.

Thanksgiving Thunder tour will go something like this--Bullet vs. Kevin Sullivan in four stipulation matches (Blindfold match, spike match, first blood and one another), Street fight with Bodies vs. Bruise Brothers, Rock & Roll vs. Moondogs (Spot & a new Moondog), Lee vs. White Boy for the SMW title, Horner vs. Darryl Van Horn's mystery giant and Candido vs. Blaze in a loser gets tarred and feathered match.

NOVEMBER 1, 1993

A slow week with two spot shows as the only cards and with no shows next week, no wrestling in this promotion until 11/4 when The Moondogs debut.

Darryl Van Horn's mystery Egyptian debuts on 11/19. Van Horn did an interview talking about how he's putting together a harem for his mystery wrestler and mentioned four porn stars as being part of it.

Correction from last week. SMW isn't on Sports Channel America, it's on Channel America.

NOVEMBER 8, 1993

No house shows this week but the television show, taped weeks ago, was one of the hottest in a long time highlighted by the babyface turn of Dirty White Boy and manager Ron Wright against Brian Lee and Tammy Fytch.

After the match, where Lee KO'd White Boy with the Coal Miners Glove, then KO'd Wright, who got out of his wheelchair to save White Boy, Lee leaped off the top rope on Wright's knee several times and he was stretchered out as White Boy nearly cried while covering him in the ring. Lee and Fytch did an interview laughing about it when White Boy came out and hit Lee with a chair and announced he was no longer from New York, but was from Bucksport, TN.

Fytch did a segment on Tammy's tips teaching Margie (the local flunkie) aerobics. Margie, who is in the 200+ weight class, was out of breath in seconds as Tammy made her faces.

Another segment aired when Chris Candido tried to throw the U.S. jr. title into a river, but Bobby Blaze stopped him but wound up himself being thrown into the river. Candido complained that the Tennessee River was nothing like the beautiful rivers in New Jersey and that there were no syringes and industrial waste in them.

Mike Furnas, who like brother Doug also played University of Tennessee football, debuted on television doing an interview and Cornette came out and knocked University of Tennessee and college football in general.

Darryl Van Horn did an interview challenging any two wrestlers to face his Egyptian Prince, who debuts in a few weeks. He challenged both the Rock & Roll and the Armstrongs, and said the Armstrongs would have to go back to their old job as towel boys at a Greenwich, NY bath house.

NOVEMBER 15, 1993

Dirty White Girl's debut highlighted the 11/8 television tapings in Newton, NC before 300 fans. Brian Lee had a scheduled SMW title match against Dirty White Boy, but came out with his arm in a sling. DWB, in a counter to the million year old traditional angle (you know, heel takes his arm out of the sling and destroys unsuspecting face), said Lee was stupid to think he wouldn't attack a cripple and started pounding on Lee. Tammy Fytch tried to hair spray but at the last second DWB turned her around and she sprayed ref Mark Curtis. DWB continued pounding on Lee until Fytch hit him with her purse and finally Lee and Fytch doubled on DWB until DWG tackled Fytch. Lee threw her down but she got up and tried to scratch Lee's eyes. Lee went to hit her but DWB recovered and made the save.

The Moondogs (Larry Booker as Spot; and an unknown newcomer as Rex) debuted with the gimmick that they don't have a wrestling license because SMW won't sanction them, managed by Jim Cornette. They ran in the ring and annihilated two jobbers scheduled for the next match in one of the most brutal beatings ever on SMW television.

Lee & Fytch did an interview and when Fytch asked Lee if she could use the word slut on television, in reference to DWG, DWG jumped on her and it turned into a four-way.

After Chris Candido won a squash, Bobby Blaze came out and they got into what looked like a feathered pillow fight to set up their tar & feather matches over Thanksgiving.

DWB had a squash match against Dan Grundy, who used the ring name John Hitchcock from Parts Unknown. After the match Lee & Fytch attacked DWG and Fytch KO'd her with her purse.

Cornette came out with The Moondogs again and said they weren't leaving the ring until someone chased them out. First security came out to remove them and the Dogs destroyed them. Then several jobbers came out and the Dogs destroyed them. Then the Rock & Roll Express came out and after a short brawl, the Dogs destroyed them until Tracy Smothers & Tim Horner finally chased them out.

Darryl Van Horn did an interview talking about his new protege Prince Kharis, who debuts on 11/19.

Heavenly Bodies beat Bruise Brothers via DQ in a wild match when Bruises used a three-foot plank on Del Rey. Cornette is modeling the Bruise Brothers after the Mid South wrestling Jim Duggan of the early 80s both in work and interview style.

Killer Kyle beat Bobby Blaze in a TV match when Candido knocked Blaze off the top rope.

A six-man with Bodies & Lee vs. Rock & Roll & Smothers ended when Dogs interfered attacking Rock & Roll for the DQ. At this point Bruise Brothers made the save and attacked the

bodies, leaving Smothers and Lee in the ring. Fytch got involved and they doubled on Smothers. Lee was about to jump off the top rope on him when DWB threw Lee off the top rope. Smothers & DWB had a mid-ring stare-down ending when Smothers walked off. The gimmick is that all the faces will start accepting DWB as a face except for Smothers.

Mike Furnas did an interview and Jim Cornette came out insulting football. When Furnas went after Cornette, the Bodies destroyed him which should set up Doug & Mike Furnas vs. Bodies matches for later in the year.

On television that aired this past weekend they announced the Bruise Brothers vs. Bodies matches on Thanksgiving as Gang fight matches under Texas death rules.

They did a segment where a mystery wrestler showed up in a cloak to give The Bullet the message as to who he was wrestling over Thanksgiving and the guy gave him the message it was The Master (Kevin Sullivan) and threw a fireball at Bullet.

They announced Ron Wright would have having knee surgery from the attack by Lee the previous week.

The house shows this weekend drew 200-275 fans each night with the Moondogs vs. Rock & Roll and Bruise Brothers vs. Bodies headlining.

NOVEMBER 22, 1993

The White Boy vs. Brian Lee broken arm gimmick aired on television this weekend resulting in White Girl's debut.

Bruise Brothers did an interview on Down & Dirty (which is replacing Tammy's Tips) saying Jim Cornette treated them badly and underpaid them and talked about upcoming Gang Fight matches with Heavenly Bodies.

The Bullet did an interview from his home gym (that aired as Bob Armstrong's home gym on previous videos) with an eye patch under his mask working out for matches with Kevin Sullivan. Sullivan blamed Bob Armstrong for cutting off the money to his psychiatrist right when he was almost getting cured.

They aired a video of Tim Horner training Mike Furnas for his debut.

Scott & Steve Armstrong are gone. Steve has already started back with WCW.

DECEMBER 6, 1993

The Thanksgiving Thunder tour was a moderate success at the gate, but the quality of the shows were said to have been excellent, highlighted by some exceptional main event brawls with the Bruise Brothers vs. Heavenly Bodies. Several reported the 11/26 Knoxville match as being \*\*\*\*\* and the greatest brawl match they'd ever seen. Two days later in Johnson City the two fought to a \*\*\*\*1/2 match. The Bruise Brothers won all the matches, but in Johnson City, the Moondogs attacked them after the match and destroyed them for 5:00 and left them laying.

Rock & Roll Express and the new Moondogs had similar brawls that were almost as wild. The second Moondog, called Rex, looks more like an unkempt Larry Sharpe than a Moondog and is obviously green, but you don't need a lot of skill when your role just asks you to knock guys silly with stop signs.

The Bullet beat Kevin Sullivan in all four Faces of Fear stip matches (first blood, prince of darkness, falls count anywhere and spike match), usually when Killer Kyle's interference backfired. Sullivan and Kyle went at it afterwards several of the nights and it appears Sullivan is the one turning.

The hottest matches as far as most important for drawing were probably Brian Lee vs. Dirty White Boy, built up by a long week-to-week television soap opera that is one of the best produced and created angles of the year. The matches largely ended with White Boy disqualified when White Girl interfered.

The largest crowd of the week was Thanksgiving night in Hazzard, KY drawing 1,337 fans, although kids were let in for 57 cents to the gate isn't reflective of the crowd. Knoxville drew better than its usual with 1,280, however Barbourville fell from its record of 1,000 last time back to its regular 600, and Johnson City was around its norm with 900.

On television this week was Bodies & Lee vs. Rock & Roll & Smothers. Bruise Brothers and Moondogs both interfered taking the teams out of the picture leaving Lee vs. Smothers. Tammy Fyfch KO'd Smothers with her purse and Lee went on the top rope to jump off when White Boy ran in and knocked Lee off the top. Afterwards White Boy and Smothers didn't shake hands.

The Christmas Chaos line-ups look to be Prince Kharis vs. Bobby Blaze, Moondogs vs. Bruise Brothers, Bullet vs. Dick Murdoch, Bodies vs. Mike & Doug Furnas, and Lee, Smothers and White Boy in a triangular match.

Kharis is doing a Mummy with a loaded forearm gimmick. His matches this week with Tim Horner got over a lot better than his debut, but still that was just passable at best.

DECEMBER 20, 1993

A brawl between several spectators, security guards and wrestlers from Smoky Mountain wrestling on 12/10 in Wise, VA may turn into a major story because of fear that the NAACP may get involved and because in some circles it has been labeled a race riot. According to several live reports, there were actually two separate but connected incidents. During a 3-on-2 tag match with the Bruise Brothers facing Jimmy Del Rey, Killer Kyle (subbing for Tom Prichard who was at home during the week because of a family illness) & Jim Cornette, Cornette was doing the gimmick where he was afraid of the Bruise Brothers and was hiding behind a security guard. A second security guard told Cornette not to do it and Cornette and Del Rey both tried to tell the second security guard that it was part of the act, no doubt without actually saying those words. Anyway, the second security guard, who happened to be black, started arguing with Cornette. At one point one of the three heels was arguing with the security guy who put his finger in the guy's face and the wrestler, either Cornette or Del Rey, apparently slapped the guy's finger and may have slapped the guy's nose as well. Moments later Cornette was still arguing and the Bruise Brothers whacked Del Rey into the

guard rail, but instead Del Rey delivered a flying forearm to a security guard and the small brawl broke out, Cornette got in the ring to get pinned for the finish and they got out of there. Cornette went to the head of security about getting the guard thrown out, which is what happened. Later in the show, the second security guard came back with new clothes and a half-dozen friends. In addition, in the bleachers several members of the Clinch Valley Community College wrestling team had been heckling the heels all night calling them fake and challenging them to fight. The Battle Royal came down to Tracy Smothers, Del Rey, Kyle and Bobby Blaze. At this point Del Rey was thrown out and as he went by the bleachers, he was getting major league heckled by the wrestling team, some members of which were black and some of whom were white. Del Rey apparently did a Fred Sanford comedy gimmick challenging them to fight and several of the guys jumped down and surrounded him. The Bruise Brothers, who had just been eliminated, came running over and pushing led to shoving which led to punches. Most of the guys on the card wound up in the fray, including Smothers and Kyle who jumped out of the Battle Royal simultaneously. Both Ron Harris and ring announcer Brian Mathews claimed somebody had a knife, although police reports didn't indicate that. As the brawling got going, reportedly a lot of racial epithets were used by a few of the wrestlers, and there were reports of some used earlier in the show by Cornette (who was unable to be reached at press time) but others on the scene claimed Cornette did make racial remarks but it was only backstage. In an article in the Kingport Times-News, it reported fan David Dotson, who witnessed the melee saying Cornette started it by hurling a racial epithet at the second security guard, and after Cornette made the remark, another wrestler (Del Rey) knocked the security guard down. It wound up with the faces and heels brawling side-by-side to get to the heel dressing room. Some fans then went into the face dressing room but by this point units from four different local police departments had arrived to quell the situation. The police escorted all the wrestlers out of town. Wrestlers were asked about pressing charges that night by the police but decided against it. Since that time police have contacted SMW officials and there was fear about filing charges against a few of the wrestlers, since apparently one fan was hurt in the brawl, and of NAACP involvement because it was reported in some circles as a race riot, although those there say that would be a misnomer because wrestlers were fighting both white and black fans, although racial remarks were flowing during the fight which didn't help quell the situation. It is believed the end result of this situation is that SMW won't be running anymore shows in Wise, VA.

The SMW television title changed hands a couple of times at the 12/6 tapings. Tim Horner was the champ but is "injured" and out of action. Tracy Smothers then won the title and lost it later in the taping to Chris Candido. Those two will be feuding starting in a few weeks at the arenas.

DECEMBER 27, 1993

No shows this past week with the Christmas cards starting 12/25. The biggest show is expected to be in Knoxville with Doug Furnas on the card plus The Bullet putting up his mask against Dick Murdoch with Jim Cornette's hair at stake.

As of this week's television show, Tracy Smothers still had the TV title and Chris Candido, who won it at the last tapings, was complaining that the drawing of challengers was rigged because his name had never come up.

Darryl Van Horn did an interview saying he had resurrected Prince Kharis from the deceased. That gimmick really doesn't fit in with everything else that goes on here.

They aired clips of the Bodies beat Rock & Roll for the tag title from Boston.

During a White Boy squash, Brian Lee and Tammy Fyfch attacked Dirty White Girl and smeared lipstick all over her face. Smothers made the save, but explained he wasn't doing it to help White Boy who he still hated, but because he couldn't stand by and watch Lee and Fyfch abuse a woman.

JANUARY 3, 1994

The highlight show of the three-night Christmas Chaos tour was 12/25 in Knoxville drawing 1,700 with all seats \$6. The top matches saw The Bullet face Dick Murdoch in a match where Bullet put up his mask and Jim Cornette put up his hair. After Murdoch used a chain to get the pin, Bullet unmasked, but was wearing a second mask underneath so his identity wasn't revealed as Bob Armstrong. Even though the face is saved as Bob Armstrong wasn't suspended, these things are going to make it a lot harder to sell either this significant thing or that significant thing is going to happen stipulation matches in the future, because in recent months they did a loser leaves town where nobody left and a mask, albeit career on the line vs. hair where no identity was revealed and no hair was shaved.

Heavenly Bodies beat Mike & Doug Furnas when Jimmy Del Rey hit Mike with the football helmet he had brought to the ring. The TV angle where the Bodies beat up Mike was really clumsy, but apparently the matches came off good since the Bodies can carry things and Doug worked most of the match. They're coming back on 2/13 with a return match with a football helmet on a pole. Finale was a Triangular match for the SMW title with Brian Lee, Tracy Smothers and Dirty White Boy. White Boy was posted by Lee at the bell and laid out so it was Lee vs. Smothers early. Lee won when Chris Candido interfered giving Smothers a DDT on a chair and threw him in the ring to be pinned. This left a bloody White Boy vs. Lee. After White Boy made a comeback, Dirty White Girl was attacked and Tammy Fyfch sprayed hair spray in White Boy's eyes and he was pinned. White Girl then jumped on Lee but Fyfch attacked her from behind and KO'd her with the purse. Smothers then made the save but Lee went to hit him with a chair from behind and White Boy grabbed the chair from Lee and he was finally run off. Smothers and White Boy finally shook hands to a big pop to end the show.

In the other cities, instead of Cornette's hair being at stake, it was "\$5,000," and in those matches Bullet pined Murdoch. Johnson City on 12/26 drew 950 fans at \$5 apiece, hurt because the TV was strangely pre-empted the day before the show. Barbourville, KY on 12/27, also with low ticket prices, drew 800 fans.

At the Johnson City show, the match with Moondogs vs. Bruise Brothers, after the Dogs won, went backstage and they continued to brawl, which will result in it being announced that Bruise Brothers are suspended for six weeks and they'll return in mid-February.

There are no plans to bring the Smoking Gunns in for a talent exchange with WWF.

JANUARY 10, 1994

No house shows this past weekend and most of the January house shows will be uneventful since they are only running ten shows during the month, mainly small town stuff. The next major show will be "Sunday, Bloody Sunday" on 2/13 in Knoxville with The Bullet vs. TBA in a match where either Bullet unmasks and reveals his identity if he loses and if it's Bob Armstrong he's history, or if TBA loses, then Bob Armstrong can return and be SMW commissioner, Brian Lee vs. Dirty White Boy in a chain match, Heavenly Bodies in a Lights Out match against Mike & Doug Furnas with a football helmet on a pole, Bodies also defending the SMW tag titles against Rock & Roll Express, Moondogs vs. Bruise Brothers in a cage match, Tracy Smothers vs. Chris Candido and more.

Next TV taping is 1/10 in Chilhowie, VA. Louie Spicoli will be coming in, although this is largely to do publicity work for his tag team with Chris Candido and Bobby Blaze with Tammy Fyfch on the IWC shows in the United States, so he's just in for television.

Tim Horner is out of action with the story being he injured his neck against Prince Kharis. Horner on his interview wearing a neck brace brought up the legit neck injury he'd suffered a few years back while working in WCW. In reality, Horner's wife just gave birth and he's taking a few months off the road. It's been a hat trick for that in recent weeks for SMW wrestlers, as Ron Harris (Bruise Brothers) and Larry Booker (Moondog Spot) have also had new babies.

On the SMW year-end television show that aired this weekend, in the credits at the end of the show they listed Physician in attendance at ringside at SMW matches as Dr. Kevorkian, and listed the person in charge of the SMW Day Care Center as Michael Jackson.

Cornette defended the Murdoch-Bullet finish on Christmas night in Knoxville in the Cornette's hair vs. Bullet unmasking match. Bullet lost after being hit with a chain and unmasked, revealing a second mask rather than his identity. Cornette said because it left the fans happy because Armstrong foiled Cornette he didn't think people would take it as being screwed. He did recognize that other promotions have run fans off by ignoring advertised stipulations and emphasized SMW isn't going to fall into that category. It's pretty well a sure bet that the 2/13 "either or" stipulation match will not end with neither.

Dick Murdoch's interviews were hilarious leading up to The Bullet match. He did one in a bar drinking Coors, saying he'd work for Smoky Mountain Wrestling (which he kept calling Rocky Mountain Wrestling) because they are an honest on the up-and-up promotion unlike the rest of the wrestling promotions that are all under federal indictment. He did another interview sitting out in front of his house in the snow without a shirt on.

JANUARY 17, 1994

Robbie Eagle won the TV title from Chris Candido at the 1/10 tapings in Chilhowie, VA. It happened on the fourth hour of taping, starting earlier when Tracy Smothers did an interview and Candido threw a bucket of water on him. Then during the title match, Candido had Eagle on the top rope for his suicide plex (superplex while standing on the top rope) and Smothers hooked his leg and Candido took the bump backward by himself and Eagle pinned him.

SMW has a date booked at the Cobb County Civic Center in Marietta, GA on 3/10 which my gut feeling is will be pushed as a major show. SMW is on a small (Ch. 14) station in Atlanta and Cornette and Candido have been doing localized interviews making fun of WCW since the show started. Cornette keeps referring to WCW drawing 700 fans to the Omni and Candido mentioned things like "Midget blowing up boat" matches.

Terry Funk will be the TBA on the 2/13 Knoxville show against The Bullet. Stips are that if Bullet wins, Bob Armstrong gets to be commissioner of SMW once again, but if he loses, he has to unmask, will be suspended, and must crawl across the ring on his belly and kiss Cornette's feet.

Harry White of St. Louis is being used as a heel member of the Board of Directors. The storyline is that White got the Bruise Brothers suspended for six weeks but that White can't be reached because he's on a Caribbean Cruise paid for by Cornette's mother. Bullet in an interview said that because Cornette had such a strong ally on the SMW board that he'd have to get Bob Armstrong back as commissioner.

In other highlights from the 1/10 taping, Robert Gibson was planning to surprise Ricky Morton by bringing his father Paul (a former referee for USWA for at least a century) in saying Ricky had been on the road and didn't see his father over Christmas. Later in the show, Candido had a TV title defense against Morton which lasted about 1:00 before all the faces ran out and Morton quickly ran from the ring. The camera wound up in the locker room where a bloody body is laying unconscious on the floor with the faces standing around. It was supposed to be Paul Morton and for storyline sake it was Paul Morton although it was really referee Mark Curtis. They interview Dirty White Boy who says that what they think happened was "Paul Morton" went to the bathroom and that Cornette and the Bodies were in the bathroom and Morton and Cornette argued and Morton slapped Cornette, at which point they did a 3-on-1 and poured drano in his eyes and they are doing the gimmick where Paul is blinded in one eye. Cornette then did an interview and said it was Paul Morton who attacked him.

Smothers did an interview after they aired a clip from 1/8 in Morristown, TN where both he and White Boy were left laying by Candido & Brian Lee and said he'd team with White Boy. White Boy mentioned that at the 2/13 chain match for the title with Lee that he'd have Ron Wright in his corner and that Wright would walk to the ring.

Cornette & Tom Prichard did an interview saying it was Tom that knocked out Paul Morton but that Paul was in the arena. When they asked Paul to come out, it was Jimmy Del Rey wearing sunglasses and a cane and smiling like Stevie Wonder before Rock & Rolls chased them out.

Candido also retained his U.S. jr. title beating Louie Spicoli when Tammy Fyfch interfered.

In the third hour, Cornette came out with an injunction saying that if Morton touched him anywhere except during a scheduled match that he'd be suspended. Cornette then made all kinds of remarks about Paul Morton and dared Ricky to punch him and Ricky wanted to but all the faces held him back.

They are doing a dissension bit with Lee and Fyfch because in the chain match, Fyfch is more concerned that she may get

blood on one of her outfits than that Lee might get busted up and the two argued on interviews. During an interview, White Boy swore to God that he'd win the title on 2/13. When a babyface swears to God, that's a pretty good sign it's going to happen.

White Boy had a singles match with Killer Kyle ending when Lee and Fyfch interfered for the DQ. Candido also ran-in making it 4-on-1 when Smothers tried for the save, but he was beaten down as well. White Boy finally got the chain and chased everyone out except he caught Lee and hung him over the ropes.

In the fourth hour, Cornette was joking about what guys the Bodies were going to beat up in a squash match and said their opponents were listed as being Dave Meltzer and Wade Keller, but then the Rock & Rolls came out and they had a match ending with the Rock & Rolls DQ'd when Morton got the tennis racquet and used it.

Bullet missed all the shows this weekend as he injured his back legit in one of the matches against Murdoch.

JANUARY 24, 1994

This group is organizing two fans tours for newsletter readers in particular. The first is Golden Week (3/10 to 3/19) which will consist of eight shows including the 3/10 Marietta, GA show which will be the biggest show in terms of talent expenses in the promotion's history.

Fan Week will take place 8/5 to 8/13. For more info on either of these weeks, send a SASE to SMW at P.O. Box 1279, Morristown, TN 37614.

Because of the weather, only one show was run this past week, on 1/14 in Virgie, KY which drew 195 fans with virtually no walk-up due to weather.

The television show over the weekend aired the Paul Morton angle. Cornette did a post-angle interview claiming Morton had tried to attack him from behind and that he thought Morton was carrying a knife and claimed the drano accidentally spilled in Morton's eyes.

They did a video of a board meeting to decide the future of The Bullet. Sandy Scott came out of the meeting and said things didn't look good. Then Cornette came out of the meeting and said, "Thanks Harry, I love you." Bullet said he wanted one more match against anyone of Cornette's choosing, where if he loses, he must reveal his identity, never work in SMW again and crawl across the ring and kiss Cornette's feet, but if he wins, Bob Armstrong becomes commissioner. Cornette delivered another knock on WCW in an interview saying he's scouring the talent list of every major federation, and he's even looking at WCW, at what little talent they still have left, but said that Terry Funk was the one wrestler that Bob Armstrong had never pinned during his entire career.

Chris Candido did an interview saying that he's got Dennis Coraluzzo investigating and will prove Tracy Smothers is really from Pennsylvania.

Darryl Van Horn did a knock on the bible in his interview saying he reads from the Egyptian book of the dead, not the pack of

fairy tales that people in the area read every Sunday morning. He never said the bible, so maybe he meant the local newspaper.

FEBRUARY 7, 1994

On the television that aired this weekend, Terry Funk did an interview with Dory and announced that Dory was coming to Knoxville for his 2/13 match against Bob Armstrong.

The Chris Candido-Louie Spicoli match where Tammy Fy whole interfered to give Candido the win aired with the announcers speculating why Fy whole helped Candido. The irony of this is that Spicoli was in town specifically to shoot publicity photos with Candido for their prospective Suicide Blonds tag team for the IWC.

Fy whole and Brian Lee continued to argue in interviews about the 2/13 chain match because Fy whole complained that she may get blood on one of her outfits.

Dennis Coraluzzo did an interview from the courthouse in Pennsylvania trying to get proof that Tracy Smothers was really from Pennsylvania.

Jim Cornette announced the injunction gimmick if either of the Rock & Roll Express touch him except in a regulation match, and then started saying that Ricky's father Paul was a drunk and the faces had to hold Ricky back.

The Furnas Brothers did an interview where they were spitting on a University of Alabama sweatshirt.

The future of the Dirty White Girl-Fy whole feud is tenuous because of the legit heat between the two of them, which has been there from the start. They actually had something of a match on 1/28 in Barbourville, KY. White Boy beat Lee via DQ in a match where if White Boy won, White Girl would get 5:00 with Tammy, however Tammy KO'd White Girl from behind and pinned her in seconds.

Chris Jericho (Corazon de Leon) & Lance Storm will be in town this week having music videos done on them but they won't be wrestling yet since Jericho has a WAR tour that ends 3/2 and all the paperwork when it comes to work permits (they are both Canadian citizens) hasn't been completed on Jericho. They used to team in Canada and Japan as Sudden Impact, but will probably be given a different name and gimmick as Cornette believes he has an idea that will rocket them into Memphis-Fabs like popularity. The two headlined on 1/28 in Calgary on the local promotion's card in a most falls within 30 minutes (Storm won 4-3) that was said to have been the best match in Calgary in a long time.

Bo Alexander and U.S. Male (Curtis Thompson) will be getting try-outs and reportedly Tony Atlas is calling for work. It's well known Atlas was the original person Tammy Fy whole was going to manage in a black man/white woman role but Atlas canceled out just a few weeks before they were going to start the gimmick.

On 1/29 in Morganton, NC, they did a Battle Royal with Darryl Morris (who is about 130 pounds) entered wearing a Jushin Liger outfit using the ring name "Momota," after All Japan's

Mitsuo Momota, the son of Rikidozan, who a few years back had the big cult following in Tokyo as "Mr. 6:30 p.m."

Expect the Prince Kharis (Rob Mayze) character to be "written out of the script" at the television tapings this coming week. The character just didn't fit into the style they are trying to promote.

Among the outside names that are scheduled for the 3/10 Marietta, GA show (just outside Atlanta) are Lex Luger, IRS, Well Dunn, Jeff Jarrett, Steve & Scott & Brian Armstrong, Ron Starr, 1-2-3 Kid and Ron Garvin.

FEBRUARY 14, 1994

Lots of news stemming from the 2/7 tapings in Jellico, TN. The TV title changed hands twice, first going from Robbie Eagle to The Hornet (Brian Keyes) and then to Killer Kyle.

They also foreshadowed results from 2/13 in Knoxville by doing an angle live for the fans where Dirty White Boy stole the SMW title in a brawl from Brian Lee and wore it during the taping, similar to what WWF used to do if they were going to have a title change between the time of the taping and the time the taping airs. SMW officials are hoping to break the company's all-time attendance and gate records for the 2/13 show with The Bullet vs. Terry Funk with either Bullet unmasking and having to leave SMW forever or Bob Armstrong being reinstated as commissioner, which things at the taping made that result obvious as well, and a White Boy vs. Lee chain match for the SMW title.

Lance Storm & Chris Jericho, who debut sometime in March (the first television video of them will air on the 2/26 television show) will be called The Thrillseekers, and they'll air different music videos every week to introduce them for at least a month before they make their first appearance.

Well Dunn debuted as a heel team at the tapings saying they've come in to beat everyone and then go back to the WWF.

Among the matches for house shows that interviews were directed at for March were handicap matches with Bob Armstrong vs. Jim Cornette & Dick Murdoch, mixed tags with White Boy & White Girl vs. Brian Lee & Tammy Fy whole, marathon matches (most falls within 60 minutes) for the tag title with Heavenly Bodies defending against Rock & Roll Express and ladder matches with Tracy Smothers vs. Chris Candido. The biggest match set up was 4/1 in Pikeville, KY at Blue Grass Brawl II which will be a cage match for the tag titles with both members of the losing team having to leave town with Rock & Roll vs. Bodies.

On television, they had a TV title match with Eagle defending against Larry Santo, and both Smothers and Candido put up side bets of "\$2,500" each respectively, with Smothers winning the bet when Eagle won. They did a double-or-nothing bet the second week when Eagle defending against Hornet, which Candido's interference caused Hornet to win the TV title and win back his money.

Morton did an interview saying he'd retire if the Rock & Roll lost the loser leaves town match.

In a TV title match, Hornet defended against White Boy and White Boy was destroying him until Lee and Fyfch interfered for the DQ. After the match, White Girl KO'd Hornet with one punch and everyone backed up from her.

In the final hour of taping, Pat Rose wrestled White Boy and White Girl was at the desk doing commentary and insulting Fyfch and Lee when they showed up and tore her blouse open and White Boy chased them away, losing via count out. The first Rock & Roll vs. Well Dunn match ended when Cornette came to ringside but the racquet got in Morton's hands and he used it on Well Dunn for the win. After the match Well Dunn blamed Cornette for losing.

Complete line-up for the 3/10 Marietta, GA show is Bobby Blaze vs. 1-2-3 Kid, Hillbilly Festus vs. New Jack, Ron Garvin vs. Kevin Sullivan, Smothers vs. Candido ladder match, Lex Luger vs. IRS, Brian & Scott & Steve Armstrong vs. Well Dunn & Jeff Jarrett, Bodies vs. Rock & Roll, White Boy & White Girl vs. Lee & Fyfch and Bullet vs. Cornette in a cage match with Rhubarb Jones as the keeper of the key.

FEBRUARY 21, 1994

Smoky Mountain Wrestling "smoked" its previous records 2/13 with a show at the Knoxville City Coliseum entitled, "Sunday Bloody Sunday" after the U2 song of the same name drew 3,950 fans and a \$31,800 gate. The previous records for the two-plus year old promotion were set in the same building on 8/22/93 drawing 2,780 fans and \$18,200.

Six of the seven matches on the card were heavily pushed on television, with the show that aired over the weekend being nothing more than a one hour review of all the angles and how they were peaking for blow-offs on the show. While the depth of the show was a strong factor in setting a record during a weekend of largely inclement weather (although Knoxville itself didn't have it as bad as many other cities in that part of the country), from those in attendance, the two main matches that drew were a Texas death match between The Bullet (Bob Armstrong) and Terry Funk, and a chain match for the SMW title between Dirty White Boy and champ Brian Lee. In the Bullet vs. Funk match, the stipulations were that if Bullet lost, he would have to unmask and leave SMW forever and crawl across the ring and kiss Jim Cornette's feet. Dory Funk was scheduled to be in Terry's corner for the match. In the chain match, White Boy had gone on television and swore to God that he would win the title and said that Ron Wright (who had been out of SMW since an angle where Brian Lee jumped off the top rope on his knee) would walk to the ring. In addition to those matches, the key matches included a cage match with The Moondogs vs. Bruise Brothers, an SMW tag title match with Heavenly Bodies defending against Rock & Roll Express, another stipulation match with a football helmet on a pole with Bodies vs. Doug & Mike Furnas with the Furnas Brothers having to wear Alabama football jerseys (having played in college at the University of Tennessee, Alabama being a main rival of UT) if they lost and Tracy Smothers vs. Chris Candido which had been pushed with a series of television angles.

The Smothers-Candido match, rated \*\*1/2, in which Candido won after using a chain, was the only match where the babyfaces didn't go over at the end. In the opener, rookie Anthony Michaels pinned The Hornet (Brian Keyes) in a \* match. Smothers-Candido followed. Furnas Brothers vs. Bodies went next. It turned into a four-way when Cornette tried to climb the pole. The Rock & Roll Express showed up and

pulled Cornette down and Ricky Morton climbed the pole and got the helmet, threw it to Doug, who used it on Tom Prichard, who was then pinned. Match was rated \*\*1/2 because unlike the previous matches Mike Furnas was in where they literally rehearsed his every move ahead of time, this time his lack of experience was more obvious as he looked lost in several spots. Bullet-Funk, which, based on crowd reactions, seemed to be the one most responsible for drawing the house, was a wild \*\*\*1/2 death match going four falls. At one point Funk gave Bullet a DDT on a ringside table, which broke and both went through the table to the floor. At another point Dory came to ringside and threw Terry the branding iron which he used to gain a fall. At one point Funk threw part of the broken table and five chairs into the ring and proceeded to hit Bullet in the head with all six items of furniture. Funk, who juiced heavily, did the first (and probably last) moonsault of his career, stacking part of the broken table on top of several chairs, putting Bullet's body on top of the table and going off the top with a Sabu-style moonsault. Bullet was actually supposed to move, but didn't move fast enough and was hit with the move and they did a pin. Later Bullet DDT'd Funk on the same table for a fall, which proved to be the final fall as Funk failed to answer the bell for the fifth fall. Immediately Cornette cracked Bullet with the racquet and as Dory & Terry held him, they dragged him over to Cornette who demanded that he kiss his feet. Just as the Funks were about to force Bullet to kiss Cornette's feet, Smothers and Michaels hit the ring and the Funks and Cornette left. The Rock & Roll vs. Bodies title match which followed was the only disappointment on the show, going just 4:00 with the simple Cornette interference DQ to save the title although the match was hot during its brief tenure, rated \*3/4.

In the chain match, which naturally featured double juice, rated \*\*\*3/4, the finish saw both men hit three turnbuckles. At this point Tammy Fyfch tried to spray White Boy, but ref Mark Curtis cut her off and the hair spray went into the air. At this point Ron Wright came to the ring, walked to ringside, tapped his cowboy foot three times (the old loaded boot gimmick that Wright used in the old Knoxville territory in 1971-72), and kicked Lee in the head, with White Boy falling into the fourth corner to get the win and the title. Wright's appearance during the excitement of the finish was the biggest pop on the show. It was up to the Moondogs and Bruise Brothers to finish the show in a cage match, which was somewhat anti-climactic, but still rated \*\*\*3/4 since several chairs found their way into the cage, there was four-way juice and a wild post-match. After the match the Bodies got into the cage and did a 4-on-2 on the Bruise Brothers, until the Rock & Roll came in to even the odds. Bob Armstrong, sans mask, came out as well, as commissioner, during the run-in.

The television on Sunday had Jim Cornette hosting clips building up all the angles for the 2/13 Knoxville card.

The 2/11 show in Harlan, KY had to be canceled due to poor weather and because pipes froze at the school where they wrestle at. They were scheduled to film a 60:00 draw with the Heavenly Bodies vs. Rock & Roll Express for the SMW tag title at that show, to set up marathon (most falls in 60:00) matches around the horn. They ended up having to tape the 60:00 draw on 2/12 in West Liberty, KY, although there was some time shaved involved as they were four hours away from the home base and had an afternoon major card the next day.

The ticket outlets in the Atlanta area were said to have a sizeable amount of early interest in the 3/10 Marietta show.

FEBRUARY 28, 1994

The SMW tag titles changed hands twice over the weekend outside the territory. On 2/18 in Port Huron, MI, the Rock & Roll Express regained the tag titles from the Heavenly Bodies, but the titles switched back on 2/19 in Taylor, MI.

On television this weekend they did a segment where they were outside the first SMW board meeting since Bob Armstrong regained the commissioner job. They showed Armstrong throwing an unnamed person out of the board room (with the idea being it was Harry White, the heel commissioner in Cornette's pocket) and Armstrong announced that he had put together a match in Marietta in a cage against Cornette.

They also aired the contract signing of the Thrillseekers and showed the last few minutes of an alleged 60 minute draw with the Rock & Roll Express vs. Heavenly Bodies from West Liberty, KY last weekend and aired clips of Jeff Jarrett and Lex Luger plugging the Marietta show.

The 60 minute match was to set up Marathon matches (most falls in 60 minutes) between the two teams for the title, which is going to be even more arduous than it sounds because Morton has been working on a badly injured ankle.

MARCH 7, 1994

Owen Hart will be replacing Jeff Jarrett in the six-man tag match on 3/10 in Marietta, GA since Jarrett was added to the WWF European tour. Hart teams with Well Dunn against Brian & Scott & Steve Armstrong.

The Thrillseekers (Chris Jericho & Lance Storm), who used to work indies around Manitoba and Alberta as Sudden Impact, who the territory looks to be built around as the hot young face tag team, start 3/7 at television and will be in for all the "Golden Week" shows except Marietta. They'll initially work against either Well Dunn or The Masked Infernos (Brian Keyes & Anthony Michaels). Toward the end of the month, Jericho will return to EMILL for his final tour, most likely to drop the NWA light heavyweight title belt, before heading here full-time. The first Thrillseekers video aired on television this weekend, showing them bungee jumping, horseback riding, flying in a helicopter and ice skating and was said to be one of the greatest wrestling music videos ever done.

Mike Furnas will also start working regularly as a prelim babyface.

A funny incident took place at the 2/26 Johnson City show where Chris Candido was defending the U.S. jr. title against Tracy Smothers. Candido complained that Smothers was no junior heavyweight, a fact that is painfully obvious. Candido demanded Smothers be weighed right there to see if he was under 230 pounds. Even though Smothers weighs a legit 250 (as the scale showed), it was announced the scale read 228 pounds and it was a title match. Candido wound up hitting Smothers with the scale and getting the pin to retain the title.

Tammy Fyetch did an interview and asked Brian Lee if she could hire Tonya Harding's bodyguards to put White Boy out.

The Bruise Brothers final bookings with this group were this past weekend.

Darryl Van Horn did an interview complaining about Prince Kharis not getting any title shots. Van Horn said the wrestling world is prejudiced against him, since he hasn't gotten any credit for resurrecting Kharis, which he complained was a miracle equal to the parting of the red sea and turning water into wine and said that Smoky Mountain Wrestling should change its name to the PTL Club because it's turned into the Jim & Tammy show.

By the way, in the recent Japanese Super Catalogue, which lists age, height, weight, birthdays, etc. of all the major wrestling stars, for Prince Kharis it lists his age as 3,000 years old, which is hilarious because they all thought it was a miracle Baba can still work at 56.

Speaking of All Japan, a deal between SMW and All Japan is in preliminary negotiations.

MARCH 21, 1994

Another show this past week that received a lot of interest nationally, but apparently not enough locally was the Smoky Mountain Wrestling card on 3/10 in Marietta, GA. The show drew 1,075 paid (1,200 total) and \$9,500 for a show in which the SMW talent was augmented by several WWF stars. It was definitely a good show, although it was surprising the lack of crowd heat for the show as a whole as compared to most SMW house shows. It appeared that the local Ch. 14, which SMW airs on and is the weakest station in the market and not on many key cable systems, which runs a Saturday night wrestling block with Joe Pedicino and Boni Blackstone, doesn't have a great deal of exposure as the crowd seemed a combination of hardcores who reacted to spots and fans who liked the show but really didn't know the storylines. Unlike most wrestling promotions, SMW's product is not based on delivering stars to the arena but on putting together compelling storylines.

1. 1-2-3 Kid drew with Bobby Blaze in a 15:00 match that actually lasted 12:23. It was a decent opener with both men kicking out of the others' finisher (Blaze kicked out of a moonsault bodyblock; Kid out of a Northern Light suplex) toward the end, but had some missed spots. Considering these two started out together in Florida at the Malenko school, it was disappointing. Fans didn't seem to know who Blaze was, and even though neither played heel, fans were more into Kid.  
\*1/2

2. Hillbilly Festus won the North Georgia title from New Jack in 6:27 when New Jack gave Festus a back suplex but both had their shoulders down and Festus lifted his up at two. I'd been warned how bad Festus was, so given that, it wasn't disappointing or unwatchable and both guys at least tried. 1/4\*

3. Tracy Smothers pinned Chris Candido in a non-title match in 12:08. These guys had to work really hard to get a reaction as the crowd didn't seem immediately into their feud. Dennis Coraluzzo managed Candido for this match since he does heel spots on SMW television as the president of the WWA and recognizes Candido as world heavyweight champ. However this had a lot of hot moves and well-timed spots and was a damn good match. Just for wrestling moves this was the best match on the show, however the tag title match was better because the fans were more into it. The highlight was Candido doing a Frankensteiner off the top rope for a near fall. Smothers won clean with the jawjacker. \*\*\*1/2

4. Ron Garvin beat Kevin Sullivan via DQ in 9:20 when Sullivan hit the ref out of nowhere. Garvin had brown and grey hair and looked old, and even though this was his old stomping grounds, the fans really didn't seem to care. They slapped each other hard but it wasn't a good match. \*

5. Lex Luger pinned IRS with a schoolboy in 8:06. IRS pinned Luger with his feet on the ropes but the ref saw it and ordered the match re-started. As IRS argued with the ref, Luger schoolboyed him. Luger got the biggest pop on the show since he lives in Marietta and everyone sees WWF on cable. Match was boring. 1/2\*

6. Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl beat Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch in 10:32. The finish saw White Girl chase Fyfch back to the dressing room leaving the guys in the ring and White Boy pinned Lee with an inside cradle. The guys took a backseat to the women when it came to the audiences attention here, but in the ring neither is experienced so they couldn't be in there for very long. \*

7. Brian & Scott & Steve Armstrong beat Owen Hart & Well Dunn in 10:40. The Armstrongs all grew up in Marietta. Hart wasn't over strong as a heel here although he is everywhere he's against Bret. This was a solid match with the best work when Owen was in with Steve. Those two have a lot of talent and they both had their working shoes on. Hart wasn't over nearly as much as a heel here as he is in the WWF when he faces his brother. Scott pinned Well after Steve did a tremendous dropkick off the top rope. \*\*3/4

8. Rock & Roll Express beat Heavenly Bodies via DQ in 16:20 in an SMW tag title match. This was the same basic match I've seen numerous times but they worked hard, it had the best heat of the night and told the best story. You probably could call 70 percent of it in your head but it all worked and everything looked good. Jim Cornette threw the tennis racquet in and Jimmy Del Rey got it and ref saw it and called for a DQ on Bodies, even though Del Rey wound up with the racquet taken from him and Ricky got it and used it on all three heels. After the match Morton talked about the upcoming loser leaves town match on 4/1 in Pikeville, KY and said that they weren't planning on losing or leaving. \*\*\*3/4

9. Bob Armstrong pinned Jim Cornette in 6:00 in a cage match. Because the fans weren't total into the storyline, this match meant a lot less than it would have in an SMW regular city. It got decent heat but nothing great. Cornette came out with his arm in a sling saying he got hurt in the previous match. Finally Scott & Steve Armstrong threw him into the cage. Cornette threw powder early to get the advantage but Armstrong made the comeback. Finally the racquet got tossed in and Cornette used it but Bob didn't sell it. Bob made a comeback and Cornette juiced for only the third time in his career, which is a testimony to just how important the show was to him personally, and Armstrong quickly pinned Cornette. \*

There was even more action backstage. Numerous wrestlers both from other groups and local wrestlers were there. Dory Funk was there perhaps scouting for All Japan, which may form a business relationship with SMW. Numerous WCW officials including Gary Juster, Chris Potenza and Robert Welch (Rob Parker) were there. Jim Ross was backstage just watching the show. Ross is still suffering from Bells Palsy which is a sad situation in that he needs to find a new job, but in his current condition, can't do job interviews and there's no way of knowing when the condition will improve enough to

where he can. The show opened with a rock concert with The Clintons, who have performed before six or seven major SMW shows and The Armstrongs and Tim Horner all sung with the group. Overall it was a good show, but not great and probably slightly disappointing if anything to the SMW crew who wanted to put on a blow-out show because the show was in the heart of WCW territory. The heat was such that there were a few knocks on WCW during the show. The program, which listed the wrestling block on Ch. 14, in the spot occupied by WCW World Wide simply listed it as "Wrestling?" and local d.j. Rhubarb Jones, who did the ring announcing and was the former WCW ring announcer at Center Stage said before the main event over the p.a. that he had given up on wrestling because of how boring the WCW live shows in the area were but that Pedicino had told him to give this show a chance and come out. He said how much he enjoyed himself at the shows. While the paid attendance was larger than the 789 paid the last time WCW ran the Omni, nobody was making note of that point since they were hoping for at least 1,500. SMW is planning on expanding into North Georgia and making Marietta's Cobb County Civic Center a regular stop with 5/22 being the next show.

Most of the television the next few weeks will build toward the 4/1 Bluegrass Brawl II in Pikeville, KY with the top matches being Rock & Roll Express vs. Heavenly Bodies in a cage match for the SMW belts with both members of the losing team leaving town and Ricky Morton vowing to retire if the Rock & Rolls lose, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl vs. Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch in a match which continues until both members of the losing team are stripped of their clothes and left in their underwear, Bob Armstrong vs. Jim Cornette & mystery partner who I believe will be called Bruiser Bedlam (I don't know this, but my assumption is that it'll be Johnny K-9) and Chris Candido vs. Tracy Smothers in a ladder match.

The Thrillseekers debuted and got big pops everywhere.

Among the highlights of the four television shows taped on 3/7 in Dungannon, VA were Mike Furnas winning the TV title from Killer Kyle and then retaining it for the remainder of the taping. Furnas looked way too green even though all his matches were kept to about one minute although there is a storyline reason that will be made clear at the next taping why this is happening. They announced that at house shows after 4/1, that the main events will either be tag title matches with Rock & Roll vs. Lee & Candido or Bodies vs. Thrillseekers, depending on which team loses the match.

In an interview with Lee & Fyfch, White Boy & White Girl came out and stripped Lee down to his underwear.

Smothers and Candido had a \*\*\*\* ladder match on television (reports are their ladder matches at the house shows have been in the \*\*\*\* range as well) which Smothers won by grabbing the \$2,500 check at the top, but after the match Candido hit Smothers with the ladder and ran off with the check.

Interviews will air before 4/1 with Eddie Marlin (USWA) and Vince McMahon saying that they'd love to have the losing team in the 4/1 match come to their territory. Cornette said that he'd already been in the USWA and WWF and would rather stay in SMW.

Fyfch did an interview challenging White Girl to come out for a match, but when White Girl came out, she was jumped by

Peggy Lee Leather. When Dutch Mantel tried to stop it because he was tired of all the brawling during his interview segments, Leather bodyslammed him.

Rock & Roll had their first match against Lee & Candido, who had interfered in their match with the Infernos the previous week, which saw Morton kiss Tammy, Candido hit Ricky with the purse but Morton kicked out and the R&R eventually won the match. Later Fytch in an interview freaked out about being kissed by Morton saying she's afraid she's going to get cooties or AIDS.

White Girl accepted the challenge from Leather to a series of matches.

Another feud started over the SMW title with White Boy going to defend against Prince Kharis. White Boy called the 3,000 year old mummy Prince Charmin and knocked Darryl Van Horn's hat off. Van Horn, in order to prove that Kharis really was a mummy cut off his thumb and sand came out. Kharis then loaded his forearm and hit White Boy and put the Shinanomachi on him before some of the faces had to break it up.

The ring truck broke down coming from the 3/11 show in Paintsville, KY to Johnson City so they had to use Tim Horner's school wrestling ring in J.C., which isn't nearly as good a ring, but they still had two four-star matches in Johnson City. Rock & Roll and Bodies did a classic marathon match on 3/13 in Knoxville. It was tied 2-2 when Morton had Prichard out with the sleeper but Cornette came out and revived Prichard with an oxygen tank and hit Morton with the oxygen tank to win the fifth fall at 59:40.

J.R. Benson is going to manage The Infernos at a spot show this week.

MARCH 28, 1994

Just a regular weekend with no major shows, however Bob Armstrong was ill for part of the weekend and was replaced by Tim Horner in his scheduled handicap matches against Dick Murdoch & Jim Cornette, and Ricky Morton has tonsillitis but still worked through the 17th, but was replaced by Horner and Tracy Smothers respectively in one hour marathon matches on 3/18 and 3/19.

With Chris Jericho leaving for a tour for WAR and Lance Storm returning home to Canada to get married, the Thrillseekers won't be back until May.

With the Heavenly Bodies gone until probably around November, Cornette is going to manage Bruiser Bedlam (Johnny K-9) who is going to get a major push as the top singles heel.

Dutch Mantel is done as color commentator for the present time since he's booking Puerto Rico for WWC, but expect the two groups to work together. Les Thatcher will work with Bob Caudle at the next taping until they get a new regular color man.

On television this weekend, Dirty White Girl did an interview building up the 4/1 Bluegrass Brawl saying that Tammy Fytch was a rat who runs from hotel room to hotel room looking for

new meat. Fytch came back and said it'll be easy to win a match where the loser gets stripped of their clothes with White Girl because all you have to do is pull out \$10 and she strips automatically.

Bad timing department. Smothers and Chris Candido had a very good ladder match on television Saturday that for one day people were raving about, and by the next day everyone forgot about it.

APRIL 4, 1994

Quiet week with two spot shows featuring Lance Storm winning Battle Royals both nights.

Interviews with Vince McMahon and Eddie Marlin aired on television where both plugged the 4/1 Pikeville card and said they'd welcome the losing team into their federation. Thrillseekers said they were asked to fulfill Rock & Roll Express' contracts if they lost, but said they would, but didn't want to. Ricky Morton read a letter thanking Robert Gibson and the fans and said he thought they'd win, but if they didn't, he was retiring from wrestling.

Jim Cornette to announcer Brian Mathews, who had a black eye: "When you got up in the middle of the night for a drink of water, did the toilet seat fall on your head again?"

A few weeks back, Ron Hed of San Jose who was on vacation in the area did ring announcing and Tom Prichard gave him a DDT on the floor and KO'd him. He did a Bernie Lomax ("Weekend at Bernies") imitation being carried from the floor and put into a chair, where he stood slumped over. When he was supposed to ring the bell, they had someone put the hammer in his hand and move his hand down to ring the bell.

APRIL 11, 1994

The climactic Rock & Roll Express vs. Heavenly Bodies both members of the losing team leave town cage match on 4/1 in Pikeville, KY was reported as a \*\*\*\*1/2 classic with more heat than the Flair-Vader Charlotte match. The lengthy finish saw Robert Gibson put the Gibson leglock on Tom Prichard but Jimmy Del Rey threw the ref into the cage so he couldn't count the pin. After a double dropkick on Prichard, there once again was no ref to count the pin. A second ref got into the cage and Del Rey gave Ricky Morton the moonsault bodyblock but Morton kicked out. Finally Cornette tossed the tennis racquet to Prichard who hit Morton, but the first ref saw it and refused to count the pin. Del Rey tried to a power bomb on Morton but Morton reversed it into a rana (similar to a Frankensteiner) and got the pin at about 23:00. The Bodies are scheduled to tour with All Japan in the spring and start full-time with Titan Sports in June. Cornette will remain their manager at WWF television tapings, but won't appear at ringside for their house show matches. The Blue Grass Brawl II, which featured a second \*\*\*\*1/2 match between Tracy Smothers and Chris Candido, drew 1,850 fans, which filled all the seats but they sold 150 less standing room than last year's 2,000 tickets, totalling \$11,000, which was the fourth largest crowd in SMW's two-year history. Smothers and Candido did a ladder match which was said to have been completely different from the Wrestlemania match, and contained a lot more and better wrestling spots along with the daredevil bumps off the ladder, although nobody was comparing an individual performance with that of Shawn Michaels. In this match, as both men were

trading punches at the top of the ladder, the ladder broke and both took a bump, and to do the planned finish, ref Mark Curtis had to hold the ladder together while Smothers climbed it and got the "money" hung from the ceiling. In the street fight match (both team members must be stripped to underwear to lose) with Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch vs. Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl, they stripped Lee down from his street clothes to wrestling trunks. Fyfch then ran under the ring and White Girl went after her, then came up holding a workout outfit, bra and panties to be awarded the win. Candido then came to ringside with a duffel bag and Fyfch came out from under the ring wrapped in a towel.

With the Heavenly Bodies gone, Bruiser Bedlam (Johnny K-9) was brought in as Jim Cornette's new protege and is being given the monster push. Bedlam, who arrived as a mystery opponent, pinned Bob Armstrong at the house shows over the weekend, then at the 4/4 television taping in Clinton, TN won the TV title from Mike Furnas using the stomach claw in a quick squash. With the claw and the name, he's pretty trying to make him a copy of Dick the Bruiser, who Cornette grew up watching as the focal point of everything off Dick's own Indianapolis television show. Bedlam later at the taping made Bobby Blaze submit, which was pushed hard because Dirty White Boy was never able to make Blaze submit, and then had a match with Tracy Smothers. With Smothers on the top rope for a fourth move off the top, Cornette hit Smothers' foot with his racquet, Smothers fell in and was pinned. After the match Bedlam put the claw on Smothers. Bob Armstrong ran in but Bedlam hit him with the racquet and put the claw on him. At this point Smothers came around and hit Bedlam three times with the racquet before Bedlam would release the claw, but Cornette threw powder at Smothers and left both laying. Smothers said he'd pick up all of Armstrong's arena commitments against Bedlam so that'll be the main arena match, although on 5/20 in Knoxville at Volunteer Slam II it'll be Bedlam vs. Randy Savage and Dirty White Boy defending the SMW title against Jake Roberts among other matches. Savage vs. Bedlam also takes place 5/21 in Morristown and 5/22 in Marietta, GA. Dory Funk is coming in for Marietta a singles match with Smothers.

Les Thatcher is now doing color, replacing Dutch Mantel who is now booking for the WWC in San Juan.

Chris Jericho was in for the tapings so the Thrillseekers picked up several wins, including one against Well Dunn although Well Dunn left them laying after the win. Jericho just returned from a Japan tour with WAR, and was scheduled to return to EMLL on 4/7 for a few weeks so won't be at the arenas until May.

I'd suspect the Prince Kharis (Rob Mayze) character was written out as he had a title shot against White Boy, but White Boy won the match by hitting Kharis over the head with his own loaded forearm and knocking him out. After the match Kendo the Samurai blew mist in White Boy's eyes and the next week White Boy came out with a patch over one eye, so they'll be programmed at the arenas.

They also continued the Rock & Roll Express feud with Brian Lee & Chris Candido over the tag titles. Morton challenged Candido to a singles match and Candido accepted, but for Lee. In the match, Tammy Fyfch threw her purse in the ring but Robert Gibson intercepted it but it was still a DQ on Lee.

APRIL 18, 1994

Pretty slow weekend as far as news with three house shows running with Rock & Roll Express defending the tag titles against Brian Lee & Chris Candido on top and Dirty White Boy defending the singles belt against Prince Kharis.

Peggy Lee Leather starts this coming week for matches with Dirty White Girl.

They aired the last 5:00 of the 4/1 Pikeville, KY loser leaves town match with Rock & Roll vs. Heavenly Bodies and what aired it said to have had incredible heat and looked tremendous. After it aired, Jim Cornette did an interview saying that after ten years, he had to admit that the Rock & Roll Express finally got the best of him and said he was considering leaving with the Bodies.

Tammy Fyfch did an interview complaining about Ricky Morton kissing her on television saying he might get cooties or AIDS and said she may sue for sexual harassment.

APRIL 25, 1994

Pretty uneventful weekend with weak crowds in two spot towns, a cancellation due to a flood, and a Knoxville show that was nothing spectacular drawing 750. Dory Funk appeared in Knoxville and Jim Cornette said that if anything should happen to Bob Armstrong that he wanted to nominate Funk to be the next commissioner.

Weekend shows all were headlined by Bruiser Bedlam pinning Armstrong, Dirty White Boy keeping the SMW title from Prince Kharis and Rock & Roll Express winning tag title defenses via DQ from Brian Lee & Chris Candido.

Lee & Candido are doing a comedy routine based around their huge height difference which on the surface would make them an incompatible looking team. On television, Candido called Ricky Morton a pervert and said he sexually assaulted Tammy Fyfch and challenged him, but when Morton came out, Candido said that Brian would fight him, which surprised Brian. Candido during interviews talks to Lee and always says tells Lee that Lee is the stud of the team, points to his arms and says to look at his guns, etc.

The last 7:00 of the television show that aired on 4/9, which aired the last few minutes of the loser leaves town match, an incredible interview by Jim Cornette and a short music video may be the best 7:00 of wrestling television this year. Wrestling is about stirring emotion and it really doesn't take a ton of money to produce television that accomplishes that purpose. All the money in the world can't buy it, though, if you don't understand how to do it.

SMW's Fan Week will take place from 8/5 to 8/13 and will include two or three major house shows including what is planned on being the biggest show in the company's history in Knoxville, get-togethers with the wrestlers and more. For more info write to SMW at P.O. Box 1279, Morristown, TN 37614.

MAY 2, 1994

Brian Lee & Chris Candido won the SMW tag titles from Rock & Roll Express on 4/23 in Johnson City. They had announced a special dream match where the fans could vote for any singles match they wanted. Apparently they were confident

enough that Morton would get the loudest cheers, which he did, when all the faces came out that they did nothing to "stack the deck" since they had booked Morton vs. Candido as the dream match. When the heels were scheduled to come out, Candido didn't, and they dragged him kicking and screaming out and basically made sure the fans would vote for him as Morton's opponent. Morton won the match, but after the match Tammy Fytch sprayed perfume in Morton's eyes and Candido gave him a piledriver, which is the killer move in SMW and Morton was carried to the dressing room. Fytch then demanded the tag title match take place immediately, so Robert Gibson had to face both men. Eventually as Gibson was getting creamed, Morton came out wearing a neck brace and tagged in Gibson, who didn't even tag him, and after a quick comeback, Lee dropped Morton throat first on the top rope for the pin.

They pretty well needed the switch since crowds have been way down the past two weeks since the Heavenly Bodies left and Lee & Candido have been on top against Rock & Roll with Prince Kharis vs. White Boy as the other headliner. Nobody takes Kharis seriously so there is no drawing power there, and I believe his character has been done away with effective this past weekend. It's hard for Lee & Candido to be taken as a serious team because of the size difference, but it was pretty well necessary for this feud to ever get out of the blocks to get the Rock & Roll back in the challengers role.

Well Dunn continues to challenge the Thrillseekers, who should be returning early next month. Thrillseekers definitely have major star potential with either of the big groups, but are tailor made for the type of team the Heavenly Bodies would get over but Well Dunn doesn't appear to be able to cut it in the position of getting them over.

Speaking of the Thrillseekers, Chris Jericho's (real name Chris Irvine) father, Ted Irvine, played 11 seasons in the NHL from the late 60s through the late 70s bouncing around several teams including the New York Rangers and Los Angeles Kings.

Lee & Candido had a TV squash match and Candido simply talked to the announcers table and had Lee work the match by himself. When announcer Les Thatcher said that in his day the wrestlers were such that a member of a tag team would never leave his partner out there to do the match by himself, Candido said that it wasn't 1924 anymore. Candido talked about how he's training Lee and teaching him wrestling, that he's the WWA champ and the U.S. jr. heavyweight champ and that Lee doesn't hold any singles titles. But when Lee won the match and came to the desk, Candido changed his tune saying that he was learning so much from him.

Before the weekend broadcast on the Knoxville station a disclaimer was put on the screen during the opening of the show saying, "This presentation is paid for by the sponsor and the views expressed within are not necessarily those of WKCH-TV." I guess somebody figured out what Darryl Van Horne was actually saying. In the late 70s in this area, at one point the California State Athletic Commission had ordered a disclaimer (ironically only in Northern California and not Southern California) before the television show saying "These wrestling exhibitions are for entertainment purposes only. The winners and losers have been determined in advance by the promoters."

While this isn't official, I'd suspect there is a very good chance that Jim Ross will become Bob Caudle's color commentator as soon as his physical condition allows him to, which is hoped to be early June. Ross has moved from Connecticut back to Atlanta, but his facial muscles on one side of the face are still weakened to the point he's at least one month away from being able to appear on television.

The promotion is planning on peaking its angles for August to coincide with its Fan Week from 8/5 to 8/13. 8/5 will be a card called "Night of the Legends" in Knoxville which will be a Slamboree type show bringing back the biggest names to work Knoxville. 8/6 will be a luncheon with the faces and the annual "Fire on the Mountain" show in Johnson City. 8/7 will be a card billed as "The Battle of Beckley." 8/8 will be a television taping. 8/9 will be an afternoon BBQ cook-out with the heels. 8/10 will be a Q&A session with Jim Cornette, Heavenly Bodies, Candido and Fytch. 8/11 will be a wrestling show as part of a local county fair. 8/12 will be a card called "Knox County Knockout" in Barbourville, KY and 8/13 will be a wrestling training class with Tim Horner and a King of the Mountain singles tournament in Morristown, TN. They are offering an 8/5 to 8/9 package and an 8/5 to 8/13 package, with prices not as yet determined. Besides the group's regulars, appearing during this week for SMW will include Dory & Terry Funk, Jake Roberts and Heavenly Bodies. For more info you can call Brian Hildebrand at 615-585-8454.

MAY 9, 1994

Jake Roberts won the SMW title from Dirty White Boy to highlight the TV taping on 5/2 in Harriman, TN. The first show saw White Boy in the ring when Roberts showed up. Roberts said he didn't want to wrestle White Boy because he was physically handicapped (White Boy is still wearing a patch on his eye courtesy of an angle with Kendo the Samurai). Roberts told White Boy he'd allow him to hold the title for a few more weeks. White Boy then demanded the match right there while Bob Armstrong told him that Roberts was playing mind games with him and he shouldn't let him get to him. They kept telling fans that White Boy's eyes were sensitive to bright lighting. During the match, as White Boy fell outside the ring, Kendo (Tim Horner) ripped his eye patch off. Bob Armstrong, Tracy Smothers and Bobby Blaze chased Kendo away. White Boy made a comeback. At this point Roberts got out of the ring and took a camera away from a photographer (K.C. O'Connor) after kicking him, then flashed the flash in White Boy's eyes. As White Boy "sold" the blinding, Roberts hit the DDT for the pin.

After a videotape aired of Brian Lee & Chris Candido winning the tag titles, Ricky Morton vowed he'd give Candido a piledriver. Lee, Candido and Tammy Fytch then bragged about winning the belts and Tammy thanked Candido. When Lee asked her why she didn't thank him, Tammy told Lee, "That's your job."

Bob Armstrong did an interview and said the next piledriver in SMW is a \$2,500 fine.

For the second hour, they highlighted with Morton vs. Candido with Robert Gibson and Lee each handcuffed to a different ring post. Both kept trying piledrivers and never getting it. Finally Morton had Candido up when Fytch got a key and unlocked Lee, who interfered for a DQ. When they doubled on Morton and were ready to stuff piledrive him, ref Mark Curtis unlocked Gibson in time to make the save.

After the match, both teams demanded non-sanctioned matches where the only way to win was with a piledriver, with the belts at stake. Armstrong approved this. The idea of belts being at stake in a non-sanctioned match sounds like an idea WCW would come up with and force poor Nick Bockwinkel to try and make sense out of.

Jim Cornette & Bruiser Bedlam did an interview saying basically that Smothers' father was a drunk and mother was had a revolving door in her bedroom. Candido attacked Cornette, but Bedlam hit him with Brass Knux and threw him over the announcers desk. Smothers came up bloody and was pounded on while Bedlam also beat up four jobbers before Armstrong and Blaze stopped it. Smothers then demanded a Coal Miners glove match with Bedlam.

Roberts did an interview where he said he was refusing to wear the SMW title belt.

The third show of this set will be taped on 5/20 at the Volunteer Slam in Knoxville.

The fourth show saw them start pushing the 8/5 Knoxville show with a Night of the Legends update. After Bruiser Bedlam completed all five weeks as TV champ, the TV belt went to Kendo as he pinned Chris Hamrick. In a tag title match, Lee & Candido beat Blaze & Mike Furnas. The two gave Blaze a piledriver, which resulted in a fine, and when they went to do it to Furnas, Rock & Roll made the save.

During the final show they announced the SummerBlast tour from 7/1 to 7/9 which will be headlined by the Coal Miners matches with Smothers vs. Bedlam and the piledriver matches for the tag title. Probably Jake vs. White Boy in some cities, and in the cities Jake doesn't appear, it'll be White Boy vs. Kendo.

Morton said he'd be giving Tammy something she's been giving everyone else, and when Tammy asked what it was, Gibson poured a bucket of dirt on her, which they sold as if it was a bucket of shit with everyone acting like it smelled horrible. The only problem is, the dirt was dry so it looked like dirt.

Bob, Scott & Steve Armstrong did an interview with Scott & Steve being set up for tag matches against Dory & Terry Funk.

Final match was White Boy getting a TV title shot at Kendo. Jake came to ringside but tripped Kendo on purpose. When Kendo came out to argue, Jake gave him something and he blew the Muta mist at White Boy, but missed. White Boy hit the Bucksnot blaster (choke slam) but the ref was distracted by Jake and couldn't count the pin. Kendo then hit a knee from behind on White Boy, who fell out of the ring, and Jake KO'd White Boy with the SMW belt and he lost via COR.

5/22 in Marietta, GA is Randy Savage & White Boy vs. Roberts & Bedlam, Lee & Candido defend against Rock & Roll, Dory Funk vs. Smothers, New Jack & Sheik Mustafa vs. Scott & Steve Armstrong, Well Dunn vs. Thrillseekers (Chris Jericho returns from Mexico 5/14) and more.

MAY 16, 1994

Slow week with the house shows headlined by Rock & Roll Express vs. Brian Lee & Chris Candido in tag title matches. Lee & Candido won the no DQ matches when Candido pinned Ricky Morton after hitting him with Tammy Fyatch's purse as Morton was getting ready to piledrive Fyatch, while in the regular matches, Lee & Candido lost via DQ.

Steve & Scott Armstrong return this coming weekend for matches against Well Dunn, since The Thrillseekers won't be back until 5/19.

MAY 26, 1994

Another largely uneventful week.

Bruiser Bedlam missed all the house shows against Tracy Smothers due to transportation problems and was replaced by Killer Kyle. Based on what I've seen, Bedlam doesn't look to be the guy that can carry the push he's being given. They did a television bit where he went to the gym and bench pressed 545 pounds (legit-he's done over 600) and drove nails into boards.

Randy Savage and Jake Roberts appear at the shows this week in Knoxville and Marietta.

The Roberts-Dirty White Boy title change aired this past weekend. As expected, the angle where Roberts goaded White Boy into defending the title was very good, but the match itself was boring and had little heat until the closing sequence.

Spot show crowds for the week ranged from 150 to 225, with Johnson City at around 650.

MAY 30, 1994

Smoky Mountain Wrestling's third annual Volunteer Slam on 5/20 in Knoxville picked the group out of its weak period at the gate over the past several weeks by drawing 2,000 fans and \$15,000 (third biggest gate in company history), largely to see the SMW arena debuts of Randy Savage and Jake Roberts. While Savage and Roberts were in the two weakest matches on the show, their matches were put together in a manner in which the finishes overshadowed the workrate. Complete results: 1. Tracy Smothers pinned Kendo the Samurai (Tim Horner) when Kendo held Smothers in a fullnelson, Smothers climbed up the ropes, kicked the ropes and both men fell with their shoulders on the mat with Smothers lifting his shoulder just before the three count. \*\*1/2; 2. Thrillseekers (Lance "Storm" Evers & Chris "Jericho" Irvine) beat Well Dunn (Steve "Dunn" Doll & Mark "Timothy Well" Smith). \*\*\*; 3. Brian Lee & Chris Candido retained the SMW tag titles beating Rock & Roll Express in the best match on the show. Lee and Robert Gibson and ref Mark Curtis were in the corner while Ricky Morton had Candido pinned. At this point Tammy Fyatch came in with her purse. Morton cut her off and kissed her. Fyatch dropped her purse. Morton then set Fyatch up for a piledriver but Candido got the purse and hit Morton with it and scored the in. \*\*\*\*; 4. Bruiser Bedlam (Johnny K-9) scored no doubt the biggest win of his career over Randy Savage. Before the match started, Jim Cornette introduced Dory Funk and said that he should be the commissioner of SMW. Before the match started the ref ordered Funk back to the dressing room but both Cornette and Bob Armstrong stayed in the respective corners. Savage hit the elbow off the top but Cornette had the ref distracted so he couldn't count the in. Armstrong then attacked Cornette, bringing Funk back out. All three were

fighting when Savage got on top for another elbow, but Funk tripped Savage who fell into the ring. At this point Bedlam pulled out a foreign object and hit Savage for the pin. Give Savage credit for being more professional than many others who haven't achieved nearly as much success in the business for putting the local guy over because it was the right thing for the territory. Cornette, Funk and Bedlam continued to beat on Savage and Armstrong until Smothers made the save. \*\*1/4; 5. Jake Roberts retained the SMW title going to a no contest with Dirty White Boy. The actual match was said to have been terrible, but the finish was tremendous. After a ref bump, Roberts tied White Boy up in the ropes and started choking him with the tape on his wrists. Kendo then came out with the snake bag (although it actually had no snake), and then carried the ref out of the ring after Jake put the ref out with his nerve hold. A guy from the ring crew ran in and Jake put him down with a short clothesline. Dirty White Girl ran in and Jake grabbed her and started doing a lot of sexually suggestive things to her, then grabbed her like he was going to give her the DDT, but let her go. Jake then apologized to White Boy (still tied up) and White Girl, then grabbed White Girl again and DDT'd her. All the faces immediately ran in. They played it up for more than 10:00 in the ring with White Girl doing a great job of selling the move and going out on a stretcher. \*\*1/2

Aside from Knoxville, crowds continue fairly weak.

Brian Lee has changed his hair color and started growing a small beard to get ready for his evil Undertaker role.

Randy Savage worked the 5/21 show in Morristown, TN drawing 700 fans (a little larger than average) teaming with Rock & Roll Express to beat Lee & Chris Candido & Bruiser Bedlam on top.

The 5/22 show in Marietta, GA drew 340 fans, which is pretty much a disaster considering Savage, Roberts and Dory Funk worked the show. Funk put Tracy Smothers over in what was said to have been a very good match.

Despite the crowd, they are scheduled to return on 7/3.

Yokozuna is expected to come in for a few shows in early July including Marietta.

They are already pushing the Night of the Legends in Knoxville on 8/5 on television, which Jim Cornette is expecting will draw the largest crowd in the promotion's history.

On television they aired the angles to set up Coal Miners Glove matches with Smothers vs. Bruiser Bedlam and piledriver matches for the tag title with Lee & Candido vs. Rock & Roll.

Jake Roberts did an interview saying that he noticed that everyone has been talking about how fat he's gotten, and he said that's because he's eaten so many large meals after big wins.

JUNE 6, 1994

Another slow week with just a pair of spot shows.

Lance Storm missed both shows as he's moving from Calgary to Knoxville, so Chris Jericho one night teamed with Tracy Smothers against Brian Lee & Chris Candido (since the Rock

& Roll Express was working an indie in Taylor, MI) and the next night worked a singles match against Steven Dunn.

They've got 16 house shows scheduled for June.

The television show over the weekend consisted of airing higJUN Ehlights of the 5/20 Knoxville Volunteer Slam III, including a strong interview with Bob Armstrong who said he was dying to get back in the ring but was looking for a successor he trusts to give the commissioner's job to.

They also did a great job with dressing room action involving Dirty White Boy and Dirty White Girl after White Girl had been given the DDT by Jake Roberts. The angle went over so well that someone in the building called paramedics, who when they got there were pretty adamant about taking her in for treatment.

Bobby Blaze was let go in an apparent cost-cutting measure.

Expect Dory Funk to work more dates with this group and Jim Cornette is attempting to bring in the Steiners regularly to work the major shows.

Brian Lee will be working through most of the summer before going full-time to WWF.

At the 5/21 show in Morristown, TN, they gave a plaque to Tim Horner for his civic work in town. Kendo the Samurai, who under normal circumstances is Horner, came out and threatened Horner while he was receiving the award.

JUNE 10, 1994

Next run of pushed shows will be 7/1, 7/2 and 7/3 in Knoxville, Barbourville and Marietta respectively, with the top matches on each show being Jake Roberts vs. Dirty White Boy in cage matches for the SMW title, Tracy Smothers vs. Bruiser Bedlam in Coal Miners glove matches, Dory & Terry Funk vs. Steve & Scott Armstrong, Rock & Roll Express & Bambi vs. Brian Lee & Chris Candido & Tammy Fyfch and Thrillseekers vs. Well Dunn in a penalty box match. In Marietta, they've hired comedian James Gregory, who is regularly featured on TNN, as a Master of Ceremonies for the show.

Among the names expected to appear on the Night of Legends show on 8/5 in Knoxville are Dandy Jack Donovan, Don & Al Greene (The Original Heavenly Bodies), Ron Garvin, Mongolian Stomper, Jim White, Ron & Don Wright, Nelson Royal, Frank Morrell, and Dick Slater.

With the exception of the 5/20 Volunteer Slam in Knoxville, business has been really weak for this group over the past several weeks. In some ways that may be nothing to panic over since Jim Cornette expected to do little business in May or June, which correlates with their business ups-and-downs from last year when the same situation occurred, although maybe not falling to the level some of the spot shows have that have done less than 150 paid and the company's financial situation at one point being shaky. He also expects business to pick up in early August and has major shows booked 8/5 in Knoxville, 8/6 in Johnson City and 8/13 in Morristown with a bevy of big names from Knoxville's past being brought in. But even if those shows draw well, as they probably will, the company is facing a major crossroads in the fall. Brian Lee will

be gone for good by the end of the summer. Chris Candido is expected to get a shot with All Japan before the end of the year, and it's probably just a matter of time before a larger U.S. office grabs him. Tracy Smothers will probably get a significant amount of Japan work with the new IWA. Well Dunn will be back in the WWF full-time in a few weeks. Even Chris Jericho of the Thrillseekers has regular WAR tours. Relying on so many with outside commitments makes creating long-term booking momentum harder. More importantly, there need to be people to fill the holes. The heel side is patchwork filled with holes. Kendo the Samurai (Tim Horner) has been a flop as a gimmick. The jury is still out on Bruiser Bedlam, but thus far he doesn't seem to be nearly ready enough for the spot he's being pushed for. The loss of the Heavenly Bodies to WWF devastated the heel side and the promotion hasn't recovered from it. The loss of Lee won't be as significant, but it creates another major hole. Jake Roberts only works the major shows, and as strong as he is on interviews and as smart as he is in the ring at creatively getting heat, this has been a company built around strong work in the key matches and Jake is out of shape and can't work. Because of how thin the young talent has gotten, it's hard to come up with heels that would be effective on top in this environment, and even harder to find ones that would be viable given the company's tight budget. And one wonders how many more times they can bring Bob Armstrong out of retirement before the gimmick stops selling tickets.

Tammy Fyetch did a press conference on television which she said she'd answer questions just like Hilary did about Whitewater. She said that she stirs up the friction between Lee and Candido because she read that you get more out of employees when you play them against one another.

Brian Lee has blond hair on the regular television show because of when it was taped, but on the promos has his new Undertaker hair.

Told Les Thatcher is doing a great job with the legends update segment on the show, which started this weekend, talking about Knoxville wrestling nostalgia going back to the 50s and showed local newspaper clippings of when Lou Thesz defended the NWA title against Ron Wright and when Dory Funk defended the NWA title against Whitey Caldwell.

Low-key Thatcher may be good in that role, but when paired with almost as low-key Bob Caudle as an announcing duo, the two are so similar that the pairing falls flat.

Jake Roberts did an interview saying that when he showed up, all the SMW wrestlers wanted his autograph, including the Rock & Roll Express but since he didn't like them, he wouldn't give them an autograph.

Jim Cornette did an interview trying to goad Bob Armstrong out of retirement but Bob said he knew that Cornette was trying to get him to wrestle, in which case he'd gave to quit as commissioner, so he refuses to quit as commissioner.

JUNE 20, 1994

Tim Horner, who, along with Jim Cornette and Sandy Scott pretty well were part of this company before it started, has parted company with Cornette and SMW. Horner was working as Kendo the Samurai, which, at least based on TV reaction,

was totally dead, although the character is being maintained and Bobby Blaze has been brought back to fill the role.

Tracy Smothers won the TV title from Kendo at the 6/7 tapings in Loudon, TN. They taped television for the weekends of 6/18 through 7/9 in Loudon. On the show that airs 6/18, during a Thrillseekers squash, Steven Dunn did color saying the Thrillseekers always cheat to win. Seekers and Well Dunn then had a confrontation with the Seekers calling Well Dunn crybabies. Chris Jericho said that since his father played for 11 years in the NHL (legit as has been reported here), he challenged them to penalty box matches. Dunn then said it's great that your old man was a basketball player.

Ricky Morton did an interview with a big box that he said was a gift for Tammy Fyetch. Fyetch then came out with Undertaker Brian Lee & Chris Candido. Lee & Candido told her it was a trick but she believed that Morton was in love with her and it was legit. Finally Tammy unwraps the gift and it's Bambi (the woman wrestler, not the deer). Bambi started attacking Fyetch which sets up six-person tags for the first week of July.

Jake Roberts showed up with a doo rag, then took the rag off to reveal his bald head courtesy of his last visit to Mexico. Roberts said the new haircut was to throw Dirty White Boy off. Roberts then had a squash match against James Atkins. Kendo came out with the snake bag. After the match, Roberts motions to Kendo to give him the bag but Kendo refuses. Out comes Dirty White Boy, who puts his arm around Kendo. Jake is all befuddled but ends up going into the dressing room and finding the so-called original Kendo all locked up. Jake & Kendo then attack White Boy & Kendo with the babyface Kendo doing a spinning splash off the top rope. The face Kendo is Scott Studd, a Georgia independent wrestler who was said to have looked good in the limited role he had on the tape. Apparently Studd was in Tijuana with Jake at TripleMania, watching over Jake's money, since Jake got his money in advance to shave his head, during the time he was in the ring. White Boy and face Kendo did an interview with White Boy saying he could play mind games as well as Jake, and then took off his patch and said his eye had healed.

Jim Cornette announced that he had formed a union called "F.I.T.E." (Federation of Intimidators, Thugs and Eliminators) and that he was the union leader, Bruiser Bedlam was the dock boss, Killer Kyle was the enforcer and that Dory & Terry Funk were in charge of the Amarillo branch.

Bob Armstrong challenged The Funks on behalf of sons Steve & Scott, which is the beginning of a lengthy angle.

Kendo then lost the TV belt to Smothers. Both men were down, with heel Kendo falling onto the floor, when face Kendo came out and into the ring and lays down and Smothers covers him for the title win. When heel Kendo came out, he was furious claiming he hadn't been pinned.

On the 6/25 show, Timothy Well challenges either member of the Thrillseekers to a match where the first violation of the rules is a DQ and Lance Storm accepts for his team.

Smothers had a TV title defense against Chris Hamrick, with Cornette telling Hamrick that he could join the union if he wins. Bedlam and Kyle came to ringside to watch the match but were offset by Scott & Steve Armstrong, and Smothers retained the title. During a White Boy squash, Jake Roberts & Kendo did a

run-in, and then the second Kendo came out. Roberts DDT'd both Kendos. Storm vs. Well ended with Well spitting in Storm's face and Storm losing his cool and punching Well, thus getting disqualified.

On the 7/2 show, after a Rock & Roll squash with Bambi in their corner, Lee, Candido and Fytch came out and Fytch KO'd Bambi with her purse and sprayed hair spray in Robert Gibson's eyes, then pulled out scissors and cut some of Ricky Morton's hair. The TV title match saw Smothers vs. Kyle, which Smothers won. After the match, Bedlam KO'd Smothers with Knux. All the jobbers ran in with Kyle cleaning house of them until Scott & Steve Armstrong came out. However, Lee, Candido & Fytch attacked the Armstrongs with Tammy spraying Scott. Finally Bob Armstrong ran in and attacks everyone, but the heels finally held Bob and Cornette gave him four shots with the tennis racquet and hit him with the Knux and Bob juiced. Rock & Roll Express then ran in while Armstrong walked back to the dressing room with the announcers apparently going to say that's the first time they've ever seen Bob Armstrong walk away in the middle of a fight. Armstrong ended up returning with a baseball bat and hit every heel once with it, running them all off. After the brawl, Armstrong announced he's stepping down as commissioner effective 8/5, so he can wrestle again, and that he was going to form his own Union to face Cornette's union.

On the final show, Roberts does an interview and heel Kendo comes out, dragging Bambi with him. Roberts does all sorts of nasty things to her and then hooks her for the DDT, but White Boy makes the save. Roberts & Kendo then attack White Boy and the face Kendo makes the save.

Morton does an interview saying that he'll put up his hair in a match against Lee & Candido provided one of them put up their hair as well. Fytch is really happy, pushing to sign the match but Lee & Candido get mad because they don't want to put up their hair, but she signs anyway. Later Lee & Candido have a squash match and Morton comes out and tells the announcers that Fytch signed the contract without reading it, because the contract says that if Lee & Candido lose the match, Fytch is the one who loses her hair (fat chance). Anyway, Lee & Candido jump out of the ring and end up losing via count out.

White Boy does an interview saying he's got an idea for a match with Roberts.

The show ends with a cake, and you know in wrestling where there's a cake, there's going to end up with a face in the cake. See how many clues it takes you to figure this angle out. The cake is supposed to be a gift from the fans to The Thrillseekers. Then Cornette comes out. Have you figured out where this angle is going yet? Yes, the cake ends up in Cornette's face .

On the television that aired 6/11, on the history of Knoxville wrestling they covered the old Southeastern Championship Wrestling promotion, talking about stars like Kevin Sullivan, Dick Slater and then showed a photo of Sterling Golden (a younger Hulk Hogan) working the territory.

TV production values over the past few weeks have been down.

The angle and interviews regarding Roberts and White Boy are tremendous from both ends. Roberts is so good at what he does that he should be in movies or television acting, anywhere but inside the ring doing matches.

At the house shows this week, Well missed the shots due to a family illness and was generally replaced by Candido as Dunn's tag partner against The Thrillseekers with Candido saying he wanted to see first hand how good the Thrillseekers were, and then largely refused to tag in most of the match. Bedlam worked the first of four shows but was replaced by Kyle on the next three in scheduled Coal Miners glove matches against Smothers.

In what appears to be a cost-cutting measure, there has been a change in pay scale for the wrestlers. A lot of the guys had been earning \$150 per show, which has now been changed to \$400 per week regardless of the number of shows, with 3-4 shows scheduled each week at this point in time, so it's more often that not less money than it would have been under the old scale. The faces all make extra money working the gimmick table, and some of them share their gimmick money with the heel they work with.

JUNE 27, 1994

They ran their two biggest cities, Knoxville and Johnson City on 6/17 and 6/18, drawing 450 and 525 respectively even with Jake Roberts vs. Dirty White Boy coming off a great angle and great interviews headlining both shows. Fans were reportedly quite disappointed with the fact the cards only had four-matches and the quality of the main event since they've fans have been weened on strong work in the top matches.

Roberts beat Dirty White Boy via DQ in SMW title matches on both shows. The first night, White Boy kicked out of the DDT and the place went nuts. When Roberts went for a second DDT, White Boy reversed things and used the Bucksnort blaster (choke slam). Kendo the Samurai came out but White Boy also gave him a Bucksnort blaster, but he wound up getting disqualified when he hit the ref with the snake bag. In Johnson City, White Boy went nuts at the end, hitting Roberts, Kendo (who tried to interfere) and ref Mark Curtis with chairs. They're coming back with cage matches in both cities which are 7/1 and 7/9 respectively.

SMW wants to alert readers to be patient when it comes to merchandise orders, particularly videotapes. Merchandising was left in a mess and they have restructured it and are trying to straighten out the mess. Deadline for registration for Fan Week, which is 8/5 to 8/13, is early August. For any questions on either merchandising or fan week you can call 615-585-8454.

Road Warrior Hawk will be in for the 8/5 Knoxville show teaming with Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers against The Funk Brothers & Bruiser Bedlam, plus Roberts vs. White Boy in a snake box match. 8/6 in Johnson City will have the same six-man tag, plus Rock & Roll Express vs. Brian Lee & Chris Candido with Ricky Morton's hair vs. Tammy Fytch's hair.

There seems to be a lot of controversy swirling around what looks to be the promotion's next big angle, which is turning Scott & Steve Armstrong heel and feuding them with Bob.

JULY 4, 1994

Another slow weekend with two poor drawing spot shows.

Bob Orton & Dick Slater will reform their tag team which was the hottest team in this area in the late 70s during the August major shows. The 8/5 Knoxville card is shaping up something like this--Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers & Road Warrior Hawk vs. Bruiser Bedlam & Funk Brothers in a coward waves the flag match with Ron Wright and Jim Cornette in the respective corners, Jake Roberts defends the SMW title against Dirty White Boy in a snake pit match where Roberts, White Boy and a cobra are all caged in the ring together, Brian Lee & Chris Candido defending the SMW tag titles against Rock & Roll Express, Thrillseekers vs. Heavenly Bodies in a street fight, Mongolian Stomper & Ron Garvin vs. Orton & Slater and more. 8/6 in Johnson City will have the same six-man headliner in a Texas death match, whomever holds the SMW title defending against Slater, Lee & Candido vs. Rock & Roll with Tammy Fyfch's hair vs. Ricky Morton's hair, Thrillseekers vs. Bodies street fight and more.

A correction from last week. The phone number for SMW merchandise is 615-581-3818. They are in the process of catching up on back orders.

They announced that Ron & Don Wright and Frank Morrell would be inducted into the Knoxville wrestling Hall of Fame on the 8/5 show.

JULY 11, 1994

An unexpected title change took place at the Smoky Mountain Wrestling Summer Blast tour.

Jake Roberts no-showed the first three shows of the tour, which he was scheduled to headline in cage matches against Dirty White Boy. On 7/1 in Knoxville, which drew a disappointing crowd of 700 considering they had a cage match and the Funks were brought in to work underneath, Roberts apparently left word that he'd arrive at around 9:30 p.m., so they stalled the show and he never arrived. They ended up substituting Bruiser Bedlam, who had earlier in the show lost a Dock fight to Tracy Smothers, in the cage against White Boy with White Boy going over. Roberts left no word and missed Barbourville, KY on 7/2, which drew 850 fans which is SMW's second biggest house ever in the city, trailing only the show that the Steiners appeared on. With Roberts not there, White Boy faced in a cage whomever the audience would pick, and Jim Cornette cut a promo to make sure the fans picked him. Bedlam then came into the cage with Cornette and the Funks locked the door to make it a two-on-one. Eventually White Boy still pinned Cornette to win the match and the Funks ran in to make it 4-on-1 until the other faces came in for the save. On 7/3 in Marietta before 445 fans, only 20 minutes from Roberts' home in Stone Mountain, Roberts left word that if they wanted him, he'd be there and word was left on his answering machine that they wanted him there and he wasn't there again. Once again Bedlam, who lost to Smothers in about 5:00 earlier in the show, lost again to White Boy in a 5:00 cage match. Roberts finally contacted the promotion on 7/4 saying that his wife had difficulty with her pregnancy. Cornette said that if Roberts' story was true, it was a very legitimate excuse for not being there and would have been no problem, but he was more upset about Roberts never giving them a reason until four days later and never leaving word that he wouldn't be at the shows or returning the numerous phone calls made to him to find out what was going on.

At the 7/5 television tapings, White Boy came out with the SMW title, doing an interview saying how he had beaten Roberts for the title "this past week" in a fictitious match and gained revenge for his wife (whom Roberts DDT'd) and that was all that was mentioned about Roberts. Terry Gordy is being brought in for the 8/5 Knoxville show to challenge White Boy for the title and Roberts after that interview was never referred to again at the tapings, basically meaning he's been written out of the script. The original plan apparently was going to have White Boy taking the title on 8/5 in Knoxville.

New Jack & Sheik Mustapha from North Georgia wrestling debuted at the 7/5 tapings as a heel tag team called The Gangsters and are going to get a strong push.

Chris LePuma, who plays for the Atlanta Knights hockey team, was the guard of the penalty box for the Thrillseekers-Well Dunn match in Marietta.

On that same show in the Scott & Steve Armstrong vs. Funk Brothers match, after the DQ finish, the Funks and Jim Cornette beat up Bob Armstrong, and then local wrestling personality Sam Kent ran in and they beat him up as well. This was to set up the return on 8/16 where Sam Kent will manage The American Patriot (local wrestler T.A. Golden) against Bruiser Bedlam managed by Cornette.

On television this weekend they aired a FITE union video with Bruiser Bedlam and Killer Kyle, showing Kyle having a tug-of-war with four guys who couldn't move him, and Bedlam bracing himself against a wall with his legs locked holding the front of the car by the legs and them starting the car and having the wheels burn rubber (an old Ivan Putski gimmick from the 70s that was later done in the mid-80s on WWF TV by Ken Patera although in the case of Patera, it was a gimmicked scene).

In the Legends update, they announced Nelson Royal, Doug Furnas and Dick Slater as being at the 8/5 show.

Tracy Smothers was scheduled to defend the TV title against James Atkins and Cornette came out and told Atkins he needed to go on strike because he wasn't getting enough benefits and vacation days and Kyle intimidated him and took the title match. The match was really bad, with Smothers winning, but after their was the big brawl where Bob Armstrong was bloodied and left the brawl, and then came back with a baseball bat and cleaned house, which is similar to what he did last summer. Bob then did an interview and said that Jim Cornette's mother would rue the day she was with the jackal who produced Jim.

Jim Ross will be guest announcer for the 8/5 show. Apparently the interviews cut by Cornette and the Funks leading to that card are excellent, and they'd better be since Cornette is hoping for his first ever sellout in Knoxville.

JULY 18, 1994

Jim Cornette must be pulling out his hair over the happenings of this past week which have wreaked havoc on his plans for the fall. First off, Jake Roberts departed without warning last week leaving him without a top singles feud and having to change the title back to Dirty White Boy before he was planning to do so. He then had arranged a "surprise" angle for 7/9 in Johnson City where Chris Walker (the Tom Prichard lookalike that was in the WWF until the crackdown on guys

with that kind of physique got serious) would debut and attack White Boy to set up a feud, which in itself was a gamble because Walker has no proven track record to carry a top singles feud. But Walker didn't show up, so who knows the status of that. The biggest angle of the fall was scheduled to be a feud where Steve & Scott Armstrong would turn heel and feud with their father, but that looks to be either in danger or out the window because Steve Armstrong has gotten a regular job with All Japan as The Masked Falcon (a role originally designated for Curtis Thompson), to be new tag team partner for The Eagle and will work the last three All Japan tours of 1994 so he'll have extremely limited availability after mid-August.

There was still hope Roberts would show up on 7/9 in Johnson City for a cage match with White Boy, but he no-showed once again and that pretty well looks to be it for him here. Johnson City was a pretty hot show, partially due to Roberts no-showing because they had a great main event. At the show they announced that White Boy had won the title earlier in the week and that Roberts no-showed, "either for transportation problems or out of fear." They brought out all the heels and had the fans pick who White Boy was to face. The promotion didn't do anything to lead the fans in any direction, so the crowd response was a legit barometer over who was over and Candido was picked. White Boy pinned him in a hot cage match. Brian Lee threw in a glove, but White Boy backdropped Candido before he could use it, then pulled out a chain and hit Candido for the pin. After the match Candido & Lee argued for several minutes before Fytch calmed them down, but the two didn't want to shake hands when it was over. During the match, Candido missed a splash off the top of the cage.

Candido captured the TV title. Tracy Smothers had retained it five weeks so on the first television show taped 7/5 in Warrensville, NC, Candido beat Scott Studd to determine the new champion.

On the first television show, they aired a Cornette interview from the FITE boardroom saying that Bob Armstrong wanted a Coward Waves the Flag match and he wanted a Texas death match, so those matches would take place 8/5 in Knoxville and "Night of the Legends" and 8/6 in Johnson City for "Fire on the Mountain III" respectively with Bob & mystery partner (Road Warrior Hawk) & Smothers vs. Bedlam & Funk Brothers with Ron Wright and Cornette in the respective corners. Bob & Smothers did an interview, bringing Wright out as their surprise manager and showing a video from Starrcade '86 where Hawk threw Jim Cornette off the scaffold and of course Cornette freaked out finding out Hawk was the partner. On TV this past weekend, Bob talked about having a partner to team with him and Smothers, and Scott Armstrong said either he or Steve wanted to be his partner but Bob said he couldn't choose between his two sons so he was picking someone else. They also announced that on 8/5, Brian Lee & Chris Candido would defend the tag belts against Rock & Roll Express and that Rick Gibson (Robert's older brother) would be handcuffed to Tammy Fytch and Rock & Rolls all but swore to God that they would win the belts that weekend, and with Lee's departure imminent, that would seem to be no surprise. The next night will be the second title match with Ricky Morton's hair vs. Fytch's hair. They aired a film of two masked men attacking The Thrillseekers. They said that Chris Jericho needed 18-stitches in the back of his head and aired an interview with Lance Storm with a bruised up face. The Seekers did an interview asking for the loser leave town on the Heavenly Bodies to be waived and they announced that the WWF would be sending the Bodies back for ten days in August for street fight matches.

It actually wasn't the Bodies in the angle, but the guys in the filming did make it seem to be the case.

Lee and Smothers had a singles match. Before the match Fytch did an interview saying that she's been trying to get out of the hair stipulation but is running out of money. She said she wants the fans to send money for her legal defense fund and wanted Bob Caudle to put the address on the screen, but Caudle refused. Once the match began, they did a ref bump, Candido ran in and that brought out Rock & Roll, who hit Lee with the double dropkick and Smothers scored the pin.

On the next show, Cornette & Bedlam started the show walking around with picket signs saying they were on strike from SMW. They were "on strike" for three segments until Bob Armstrong, Smothers and Ron Wright ran them off.

"The Gangstas" debuted, Sheik Mustapha Saed & New Jack, billed from South Central Los Angeles but actually from North Georgia wrestling, doing a heavy black racist angle. They went about as far as they could go with it and then farther than that, to the point of saying congratulations to O.J. because now there are two less to get rid of and talking about putting the Reginald Denny on those white boys. Let's just say the reaction has ranged from one end of the spectrum to the other. If a major promotion attempted to do this in a city of any size, they'd either be apologizing for it within a few weeks or be off television. The two needed a police escort out of town after the tapings. The two had a great ring entrance and New Jack is strong on interviews and the two have improved to being so-so in the ring. Expect Cornette, who has been looking for a long time to push black heels to his virtually all-white and he believes borderline KKK-like audience, to give these guys a major push. The only reason it hasn't happened yet is because he hasn't found a black heel who would do it.

The final television show (the weekend of 7/30 will be a one hour in studio show with no matches building up Night of the Legends) airs 8/6. Steve & Scott Armstrong opened the show talking about how they've been waiting for a tag title match and they'd be getting a chance on the TV show. Rock & Roll did an interview and they did a photo of what Fytch would look like bald. They started building up the King of the Mountain tournament on 8/13 in Morristown, TN. The tag title match saw a ref bump, Fytch interfered, Rock & Roll ran in and got the purse from them but the ref saw R&R in the ring and DQ'd the Armstrongs who were very subtle about being unhappy about not winning the belts.

Bobby Blaze has left the promotion, perhaps temporarily, so Brian Logan (Brian Keyes) worked as Kendo over the weekend.

On television this weekend they announced that the original Heavenly Bodies (Don & Al Greene) would be brought in for Night of the Legends.

AUGUST 1, 1994

Largely quiet two weeks with many of the group's wrestlers on tour or not around.

There was an incident or two involving Timothy Well and Chris Candido backstage which could have turned into a bad scene but since Well Dunn is gone from the territory, everything has calmed down.

Among those gone of late have included Chris Jericho (Japan), Tracy Smothers (Japan), Rock & Roll Express (Germany), Brian Lee (WWF) and Bruiser Bedlam (missed this past weekend).

Chris Walker did debut after all doing a run-in attacking Dirty White Boy on 7/23 in Chilhowie, VA after White Boy had won a pole Battle Royal, putting him in the torture rack. Guess Walker was on tour in England doing an Ultimate Warrior knockoff role when he was originally going to do the angle with White Boy.

Deadline for registering for Fan Week is immediately, if not sooner. SMW is also finally all caught up in mailing out souvenirs and will be sending out a new merchandise catalogue for all interested in September.

Jake Roberts' wife did have the baby so his story about why he missed the dates is accurate, but the question remains why he didn't make that clear to Cornette from the start because Cornette would have had no problem with it.

The widow and children of Whitey Caldwell will be appearing at the 8/5 Knoxville card to get a SMW Hall of Fame plaque. On the weekend television show, they dedicated the legends update segment showing still photos and newspaper clippings of Caldwell, who was the area's biggest star in the late 1960s and had a legendary 60:00 draw in an NWA title match against Dory Funk in Knoxville.

AUGUST 8, 1994

This promotion, which has been struggling of late at the box office, is expected to break its all-time record attendance and gate for its 8/5 "Night of the Legends" in Knoxville. The show is a variation of the Slamboree theme, the idea of which actually was even more successful on a regional basis for a similar show earlier this year in Memphis than it had been for WCW, since that area had its own regional stars pre-WWF expansion of 1984, that fans remember better than the stars from different territories brought into territories they didn't regularly work in as WCW did with Slamboree. The situation is somewhat different in Memphis, as the city's Monday night wrestling tradition has gone unbroken almost going back to the origination of mankind. In Knoxville, promoter Jim Cornette is tracing back local wrestling history through numerous different promotions dating back to the late 1960s. Over this past weekend, the group ran a one-hour television show designed to hype both the matches involving the local wrestlers and the announcements of the biggest drawing cards on a local level in the area. In a nice touch, not only did they talk about the wrestlers who would be appearing, but also brought up several big names and gave honest (believe me, and that is a rarity in this business) reasons of their status or why they couldn't be there, mentioning Prof. Boris Malenko (Larry Simon), who is in poor health, Ron Fuller (Ron Welch), who was the city's biggest drawing card for nearly 15 years as he doubled as owner of the local Southeastern Championship Wrestling office, who they said was not expected to be there because of business commitments (he owns minor league hockey teams) and Jos LeDuc who they couldn't find. The only major names not really acknowledged were those currently in WCW (Robert Fuller, Jimmy Golden and Kevin Sullivan). But most of the big names of the past 25 years in Knoxville including some who will work the show like The Funks, Bob Armstrong, Ron Wright, Dick Slater, Bob Orton, Mongolian Stomper and Ron Garvin, and others such as Phil Hickerson, Frank Morrell, Don Wright, Jim White and relatives of passed away stars like Whitey

Caldwell and Sam Bass are scheduled to attend. Cornette coincided the event, and a second major show in Johnson City, TN the next night, with "Fan Week," in which 50 fans, predominately readers of this publication, will be attending and travelling the circuit and having meetings set up with the wrestlers. I really wish I could have attended the first weekend because based on last year, the group really did a tremendous job in making the readers. The headline matches on the show are a Coward Waves the Flag match with Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers & Road Warrior Hawk with Ron Wright in the corner against The Funks & Bruiser Bedlam with Cornette in the corner, Dirty White Boy vs. Terry Gordy for the SMW title, Brian Lee & Chris Candido vs. Rock & Roll Express for the SMW tag titles and the return of the Heavenly Bodies in a street fight against The Thrillseekers. Knoxville City Coliseum holds about 6,500, with the group's all-time record being about 4,100 fans and roughly 3,950 paid for a show earlier this year.

The group ran two fair shows and a card promoted by Bobby Blaze on 7/30 in Ashland, KY. Everyone was really happy with Blaze's show since SMW has no television anywhere near the city but the crowd reacted great to everyone and Blaze and Al Snow (doing a one-time appearance) tore the house down.

A lot of talk of Cactus Jack coming in for some dates but don't think it's definite yet.

The 7/29 fair show in Albany, KY was held during a rainstorm and guys were slipping and sliding around the ring.

Apparently plans to have Tammy Fyfch manage the Gangstas (white woman with black men to get heat) fell through since Fyfch nixed it. I guess she decided she'd like to live to see her 22nd birthday.

AUGUST 14, 1994

Paced by a tremendous job of hyping the show on television virtually all summer long, Smoky Mountain Wrestling set its all-time attendance and gate record on 8/5 in Knoxville for the "Night of the Legends," drawing 5,000 fans and \$40,000.

The show, the first part of "Fan Week" in which approximately 50 newsletter readers from around the country converged on the SMW territory for a week which included three major shows, was said to have been a tremendous live show, although our reports as far as a comparison point said it would be slightly behind Spring Stampede or Wrestlemania.

As much as climaxing several major angles, the draw was inducting more than two dozen wrestlers and personalities, including some who couldn't attend and had passed away, into the Knoxville Wrestling Hall-of-Fame. The local newspaper ran two large features the day of the show, on Ron Wright and Whitey Caldwell, the top heel and babyface in the city during the late 60s, early 70s era. Caldwell, who passed away in 1972 after an auto accident returning home from matches, was the subject of a "legends feature" a few weeks before the show on television. Announcer Les Thatcher had done a series of features, which ranged from good to exceptional for about two months leading to the show. The feature on Caldwell fit into the latter category to the point that many who never saw him or even grew up knowing about him were into honoring his memory. Wright, his leading rival, who was booked as the star of the entire card and named as the greatest wrestler in Knoxville history in a shoot fan balloting, presented the plaque

to Caldwell's widow and children. Later in the main event, it was Wright's recovery from a powder throwing attack by Jim Cornette which led to Cornette waving the flag in the coward waves the flag main event of The Funk Brothers & Bruiser Bedlam losing to Road Warrior Hawk & Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers.

The show was Cornette's greatest success during what has to be by far the most stressful period he's ever had as a promoter and maybe has had in a lifetime. Coming into the show Cornette's territory, which had apparently sealed carving its niche into the local entertainment scene when they drew 4,000 fans to Knoxville in the spring, had fallen upon hard times when it came to both talent and drawing. While the alliance with the WWF had put money into Cornette's, and possibly the company's pocket, it had also exposed his manager character in a comedic way not conducive to helping his role as one of the prime draws and heat getters within his own territory which he'd receive much criticism for. Even more damaging is the WWF started cherry-picking his talent, including The Heavenly Bodies, his most valuable asset, and recently Brian Lee. It's admirable, and also accepting reality that Cornette appears to have little problem with wrestlers who leave his employment for much greener pastures, however this was something he was probably more worried about happening than anything when the first started the company, how if he developed new acts, if they got too much exposure and WWF or WCW saw them, that he'd inevitably lose them, which was why he originally didn't want any national coverage and exposure of his organization when he first started out. When the Bodies left, business took an immediate downturn. Tim Horner, who along with Sandy Scott had been one of the prime forces in getting the group off the ground, had split with Cornette over several disputes and began wrestling on opposition shows in the market. He took the gamble on Jake Roberts, which ended up coming up as a losing hand. The same gamble, with the same result in an even shorter period of time, was the result of taking a chance on Chris Walker for Roberts' position as the top singles heel. One idea after another continued to go out the window due to wrestlers leaving for no apparent reason, wrestlers getting opportunities with major offices and leaving for obvious reasons and inopportune injuries such as the one suffered this past week by Chris Jericho of the Thrillseekers, who suffered a broken forearm practicing the shooting star press in a ring before the show in Knoxville, but still worked the show against vehement doctors orders. After the matches he had two steel rods and six screws put into the forearm and will be out of the ring for about six weeks.

Another gamble, the tag team of The Gangstas, has already become controversial before they've even made an impact on his territory. Entering the ring with their own security team, the duo of New Jack & Mustafa Saed paint "X" on the forehead of the wrestlers they beat and on a recent interview that hasn't aired on television yet mentioned how glad they were that Martin Luther King was killed. The Johnson City station ran a disclaimer over the weekend over their interview and bleeped out where they talked about putting the Reginald Denny on the white boys. A station in Tampa has already threatened cancellation of the show over the recent interviews. For years there has been debate on how far is too far in wrestling. Some have tried to argue that there should be no limits. The latter view is ridiculous because the marketplace at some point determines limits based on business. When one goes too far, and too far is not a term of taste as much as an economic reality of turning off more fans than turning on, it is the exact opposite of what a wrestling angle is supposed to do. When this results in smaller crowds, and numerous angles applauded

and remembered by fans have actually hurt business (Eddie Gilbert running over Jerry Lawler and the WWF's original Papa Shango angle come to mind) as proven by crowds or television rating immediately falling off, the angle went too far. If the result is actually losing television stations, that's even worse. Thus far it is too soon to say anything about house show attendance because the Gangstas weren't a factor in drawing over the weekend, and there is a big difference between stations getting squeamish and actually pulling the plug, but it would be save to say when stations are complaining, it's a warning signal. There's also a matter of taste. Based on what I've seen, the first Gangstas interview was no different than any other heel interview insulting the crowd Cornette has used for year, only with blacks saying it, so there's nothing wrong with that, except for a few black racist references just as praising Louis Farakhan, which I found humorous, except for the line about congratulating O.J. because now there are two less of "them" to worry about. I groaned at that, not because of getting any heat, but because it reminded me of watching one of those embarrassing moments in the ring when inexperienced wrestlers screw up right in the middle of a high spot, momentarily freeze, and everyone in the crowd is forced to drop their suspension of disbelief. It sounded like a desperation plea that didn't work.

And finally, the day after his biggest success ever, his bait-and-switch tactics in major stipulation matches backfired during a Rock & Roll Express vs. Brian Lee & Chris Candido match where it was heavily and effectively promoted that either Ricky Morton's hair or Tammy Fyatch's hair would be shaved bald depending upon who won the match. The end result was one of the biggest gates ever in Johnson City, but neither losing any hair.

One day earlier, none of that mattered. Cornette got to honor his own childhood, when he spent adjusting the antenna at his friends house in Louisville, KY at all hours of the day and night to pick up wayward signals of the Knoxville wrestling promotion. He got to honor his, and many in his audiences' childhood memories. Perhaps the most powerful late pitch on the television show the weekend before the card was Cornette, the top heel in the territory talking about honoring the memories of your parents and grandparents by paying tribute to these men, all gathered in one place for probably the last time. The reason Cornette did a more effective job of using history as a draw than WCW, and as effective as Memphis despite Memphis having the richer wrestling history and more powerful local icons connecting it like Sputnik Monroe, Lance Russell, Jimmy Valiant and of course Jerry Lawler. Like the Memphis show (largely put together by Randy Hales), both groups were trying to draw fans using the legends, but the people who put the shows together were paying tribute to their own childhood memories.

Honored in a 30 minute ceremony were announcer-wrestler Thatcher, announcer Phil Raney, deceased announcer Jim Hess, referees Tommy Weathers, Mac McMurray and Ron West; promoter Bob Polk; and wrestlers Corsica Joe, Sara Lee, Dandy Jack Donovan, Frank Morrell, Billy Wicks, Nelson Royal, Rick Gibson, Mongolian Stomper, Jim White, Doug Furnas, Don & Al Greene (the original tag team that called themselves The Heavenly Bodies in the early 70s), Ron Garvin, Phil Hickerson, Bob Armstrong, Dick Slater, Bob Orton Jr., late manager Sam Bass (represented by his widow) Caldwell (whose wife was given the plaque by Ron Wright, his greatest rival during his career), deceased promoter John Cazana (represented by grandson Joey Cazana, an occasional jobber for the group), Ron & Don Wright.

The nearly four-hour show, in which Jim Ross was brought in as a guest announcer, also saw: 1. "Conan" Chris Walker pinned Richard Slinger of All Japan wrestling fame with a crossbody off the top rope. \*; 2. Doug Furnas pinned Killer Kyle with a Frankensteiner. \*1/2; The Gangstas were introduced and did an interview with Ross which got great heat as they basically insulted the audience. Ross said that some local television stations and the NAACP were mad about their comments and they called the NAACP a group of "trained Negros;" 3. In a legends match, Orton & Slater, who were a top tag team in many Southeastern circuits in the late 70s and regarded as the best tag team in the world at one point in time, went to a double disqualification with Garvin & Stomper. The fans were into this match which was surprisingly good because of the work of Orton, who has lost a lot of weight. \*\*\*; 4. Rock & Roll Express regained the tag team belts they would lose and regain again over the next three days in a match with Lee & Candido. In this match, Tammy Fyfch was handcuffed to Rick Gibson. Lee even worked a spot with a police officer who got a big pop shoving Lee down. Candido accidentally hit Lee with a leap from the top rope and Morton scored the pin on Lee. After the match, Fyfch and Candido blamed Lee for the loss and Fyfch even slapped Lee. Lee grabbed Fyfch but Candido separated the two of them and Lee walked out on his own, flipping the two of them off. \*\*\*3/4; 5. Thrillseekers beat Heavenly Bodies in a bloodbath street fight. Jericho worked this match with the broken forearm that afternoon but still worked because it was such a major show. He bled buckets (those there said he bled more than the famous Hase-Muta matches), with puddles all over the ring and the floor. Finally the referee stopped the match on blood, but Jericho begged for it to continue and ended up pinning Jimmy Del Rey with a roll-up. \*\*\*1/2; 6. Dirty White Boy retained the SMW title beating Terry Gordy via DQ. Gordy looked bad. His punches and kicks looked weak and every fan realized it. Walker, who was being groomed for the top singles heel spot (and was fired two days later for no-showing his first title shot in Beckley, coming off the heels of a week where he had already missed two scheduled spot show appearances), did the run-in and both attacked White Boy until Rock & Roll made the save. 1/2\*; 7. In a Coward Waves the flag match, Hawk & Armstrong & Smothers beat Funks & Bedlam. Hawk came out on a motorcycle. They had built this match up showing clips from Starrcade '86 when Cornette took the bump off the scaffold (actually from Animal and Paul Ellering rather than Hawk but Hawk was given credit in the storyline). Cornette threw powder at Ron Wright and started waving Wright's flag, but the ref was distracted and never saw it. Finally Wright made the comeback on Cornette to the biggest pop of the show, and Cornette waved his own flag to defend himself against Wright which the ref saw and stopped the match. \*\*\*\*

Since Cornette started the territory a few years ago, most of his biggest houses have been drawn thanks to "either or" stipulation matches. Either one person leaves town or another. Either one person gets stripped or another. Either one person loses their hair or another. Either one person or team has to leave the territory forever or the other. While these matches have usually drawn well, the problem is that in several instances in the past, either or has resulted in neither. While Stan Lane left town, never to return, after losing a loser will never wrestle in the territory again, Bob Armstrong didn't. While the Heavenly Bodies left the promotion after the losing team is done for good in SMW match, they did work an angle for them to return (commonplace in wrestling and virtually nobody who must leave "forever" ever leaves for that long).

Cornette as a promoter has long held out the belief that if the heel loses the either or match, then the stipulation must be enforced. His belief has been if the face loses, since the fans really don't want to see the face leave town (thus they can return under a mask) or get embarrassed in some way, that if the face gets screwed, you don't have to honor the stipulation because the fans are happy it doesn't happen. That game was played one time too many on 8/6 at "Fire on the Mountain '94" in Johnson City, which drew one of the larger crowds and gates SMW has done--1,800 fans paying \$15,000.

The either or title match saw The Gangstas do a run in while the ref was distracted, and Saed ran Morton's head into New Jack's head and Candido pinned Morton to regain the titles. The crowd was initially shocked since nobody believed Morton would ever lose his hair. Unfortunately, they were right. Morton argued and asked the crowd if he should get his hair cut. The belief was, since Morton had been screwed and since he is the most popular wrestler in the territory and since Johnson City is the city he's most popular in, that the crowd reaction to this was a lock. Why it wasn't, one can only speculate, other than fans had seen too many either ors become neithers and were upset believing it was planned to happen again. While the younger girls in the crowd screamed for Morton not to submit to the haircut, they were quickly drowned out by the majority who even began a chant for Morton to get his head shaved. They stalled for several minutes and Morton finally got in the chair, and then as the planned scenario, sprung out of the chair and attacked Lee & Candido, including a double dropkick on Candido. Morton got three or four swipes with the scissors on Candido before he fled. At this point there were a lot of boos because fans hadn't seen a haircut. Morton & Gibson went to the back and brawled with Lee & Candido back into the ring and got a little more of Candido's hair, but after the heels ran off, the Rock & Rolls were booed as they were left in the ring and those involved with the promotion including Cornette were freaking out about the reaction talking about having killed the town, which may be an overstatement although everyone pretty well accepted that what happened wasn't a positive. Supposedly the original plan was to shave Candido bald and I'm not sure why it didn't happen although it was suggested the two couldn't reach an agreement on price. In Mexico, where hair vs. hair matches are more prominent, wrestlers for years have told me stories about cities being killed when fans were screwed on hair vs. hair results, or when they'd shave the heel refs' head after he screwed the face in a hair match, and how usually the result was it would take more than a year to get the city back on its feet. That's one of the reasons Jerry Estrada was suspended for screwing up the haircut stipulation at the first TripleMania II. In this case, the idea behind this was a miscalculation. There is nothing inherently wrong with miscalculating how an audience will respond as that happens with every promoter. But there is something wrong with bait-and-switch advertising, morally and ethically (which obviously means nothing in this business), but also economically (which should mean something) and even legally. At its best, that's the category the promotion of this hair vs. hair match fell into.

Besides the tag title change on 8/5 in Knoxville where Rock & Rolls beat Brian Lee & Chris Candido, the belts changed back to Lee & Candido on 8/6 in Johnson City and back to Rock & Rolls on 8/8 at the TV tapings in Saltville, VA. In the latter match, Lee was pinned after a double dropkick and after the match, Tammy Fyfch and Candido turned on Lee. Fyfch fired Lee, who then said that he quit. Candido then did interviews talking about Lee being big and strong but really stupid and said he had been carrying Lee for the past several months (everyone was joking about how much of a shoot that last

statement was). It appears Lee will work a few more dates as a face against Candido before leaving full-time for WWF. Also at the 8/8 tapings, Lance Storm, now wrestling as a single, captured the TV title from Candido in a great match. Candido's new tag team partner, Boo Bradley (John Rickner aka Abbuda Singh for Larry Sharpe's New Jersey promotion) attacked the injured Chris Jericho at ringside. Candido brought Bradley in with the old Rick Steiner varsity club angle, saying when he was a kid he had a friend who was big, strong and dumb and when other kids would jump him, his friend would always help him out as long and all he had to do was give him half of his peanut butter sandwiches. He said he's bringing Bradley in as a pet for Tammy, and brought him out on a leash like a dog and Chris and Tammy slapped him around. Chris kept saying that he was big and strong, but also a moron. In the TV title match, with the ref distracted, Lee ran in and suplexed Candido backwards (Candido had Storm in position for a superplex) and Storm came off the top rope with a splash for the pin.

With all the injuries, defections and firings, Bruiser Bedlam was set up in the No. 1 contender position for Dirty White Boy's SMW title, The Gangstas were put in the position of challenging Rock & Roll Express for the tag titles and it appears they're building toward Killer Kyle & Jim Cornette vs. Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers and Thrillseekers vs. Candido & Bradley matches as well.

Candido is now wrestling with a Hans Mortier-like helmet to hide the so-called bald head trying to sell Johnson City's haircut bigger.

The Gangstas did an interview saying they and the white fans were more alike then not since both were happy about the day Martin Luther King was shot.

Dirty White Boy did an interview saying that after he had run Jake Roberts out of town, that when Chris Walker found out, he just chickened out and left.

Cornette said he's working on finding out who the new commissioner will be and having him overrule the suspension of the Heavenly Bodies. Rock & Rolls beat Bodies in a title match. Lee did an interview saying he'll be sticking around to take care of Candido. In the third hour of taping, after Rock & Rolls beat Gangstas, the Gangstas and their security force ran into the ring and recreated the Rodney King attack on Ricky Morton to set up that new angle. Storm had a TV title match against Bradley and after the win, Candido ran in and attacked Jericho and came off the top rope on his arm, "re-injuring". In a tag match, Kyle & Bedlam beat Smothers & White Boy. Bob Armstrong was scheduled to team with Smothers but before the match Cornette threw alcohol in his eyes and he was carried out. White Boy came out to take his place but Cornette wound up hitting him with the tennis racquet allowing Bedlam to score a pin.

In the newspaper stories on Ron Wright and Whitey Caldwell building up the Night of the Legends, the article on Wright, 55, from Kingsport, TN, noted he started wrestling professionally at the age of 13. Don Wright, who regularly teamed with him, is now 50. Both worked regular 40-hour work weeks for a printing company while they were wrestling to supplement their income, and Don noted that the combination of both made them more tired than most going through the grind and one day Don just quit wrestling cold turkey. The article on Caldwell talked about how that today, 22 years after his death, wrestling

fans still put flowers on his tombstone which reads "Too well loved to ever be forgotten." Caldwell started wrestling at the Kingport Boys Club in the same class as Ron Wright.

On 8/6 in Johnson City, White Boy beat Dick Slater via DQ in the title match when Walker interfered. Lance Storm tried to wrestle both the Heavenly Bodies by himself in a street fight, but as he was getting destroyed, Tracy Smothers came out to help him and they wound up winning, while the main event, a Texas death match saw Bob Armstrong & Road Warrior Hawk & Smothers beat The Funks & Bedlam. Cornette hit Armstrong with a foreign object in the sixth fall, which brought Ron Wright out and he beat up Cornette and hit Terry Funk with a foreign object and Funk couldn't answer the bell for the seventh fall.

A correction from last week, in the 7/27 Inez, KY fair show results with Debbie Combs vs. Candi Divine, Combs lost via DQ not pinfall.

AUGUST 22, 1994

Jim Cornette was the center of a lot of controversy this past week for explosive phone calls to both Wade Keller and Bruce Mitchell of Pro Wrestling Torch. Cornette was furious over articles by Mitchell and Keller regarding the status of SMW and in tirades against both made physical threats. While in the past I've had several threatening phone calls, although none of any substance lately, these threats were far more explicit and articulate than your typical or for that matter any wrestler or promoter mad about something being written. Mitchell's article that appeared one week ago largely took Cornette's words that there was no such thing as too much heat and wrote a fantasy angle involving friends of Cornette that took the Gangstas gimmick even farther to the extreme than Cornette would dare take it and seemingly proved his point that there was such a thing as going too far with race-baiting angles. Cornette appeared to be upset as much by the criticism as by Mitchell's using the names of Cornette's personal friends (one of whom did have a short cameo role in a Thrillseekers video) and a former SMW office employee not involved as talent in wrestling in weaving his angle in claiming Mitchell had gone over the line with his article.

Most of the controversy stems from the hair match in Johnson City on 8/6 which ended up in nobody getting their head shaved and The Gangstas gimmick. Cornette said the problem in Johnson City was that the shears that were being used to cut Chris Candido's hair didn't work because Candido's hair was short and sweaty and they wouldn't cut the hair well and not because of any disagreement or lack of agreement with Candido as far as what was going to be done for the angle. As upset as everyone was, nobody was more furious about it then he was and he actually ordered the four after they had come to the dressing room amidst boozing fans to go back out and try and do it again, but that didn't work well either. Disagreement stems from Cornette's belief the angle fell apart because the shears didn't work when several people there live who reported to us about the happenings said the crowd was mad because Ricky Morton didn't get his head shaved as was the advertised stipulation, not because Candido wasn't shaved bald. Morton did an interview on television saying he was ready to get his head shaved and honor the stip when Candido started taunting him, things happened and he just reacted to the taunting.

Highlights from both Knoxville (with Jim Ross announcing) and Johnson City not only aired in syndication this weekend, but amazingly aired on cable just three days after Johnson City.

The clip of the haircut in Johnson City was cut right as Morton began shaving Candido and they sold it on television like Candido was shaved bald and Candido is wearing a half-mask (his head covered but face exposed) and doing the loaded head-butt gimmick so fans can have the illusion he has no hair. I don't know if he does, because they are now setting up some singles matches with Morton vs. Candido where Morton puts up his hair against Candido taking off the half-mask.

On 8/11 in Jefferson City, TN at a fair show, in a tag title match with Rock & Roll defending against Candido & Killer Kyle (subbing for Brian Lee who was working for Titan as The Undertaker), depending upon who lost, either Morton or Tammy Fyfch would have to bungee jump. Rock & Roll won and Fyfch took the plunge.

It was announced at all the house shows during the week that the tag titles had changed hands three times the previous week and after the third change on 8/8 in Saltville, VA that Fyfch had fired Lee and he wouldn't be appearing which is how Kyle taking his place was explained.

A King of the Mountain tournament was held on 8/13 in Morristown, TN with rules similar to the Pro bowling tour in that the winner of the first match goes to the second match against a new opponent, that winner faces a fresh opponent, etc. The seven match tournament lasted about 45 minutes with Bruiser Bedlam pinning Dirty White Boy in the finals after hitting him with Brass Knux.

Cornette canceled his scheduled appearances at the WWF tapings this week because of needing to work overtime to get things squared away within the territory.

Pam Lawson and K.C. O'Connor, who I believe were the only company employees that weren't performing talent, are both gone. Lawson had given notice and finished up last weekend while O'Connor was fired.

AUGUST 29, 1994

Controversy over The Gangstas tag team continues. The WWF, since its number of syndicated stations dropped so drastically after the ratings plunge of 1992, made a deal with Jerry Jarrett and began including the USWA television shows as part of the WWF syndicated network they were selling national advertisers, and paid Jarrett his share for the national ads. They also did the same for the SMW television show, but only the Knoxville show and not in any other markets, so the WWF's advertisers like Slim Jim appeared on the Knoxville SMW show. Anyway, that was but isn't the case anymore as after the Gangstas interviews started airing, the WWF pulled out of the deal because they were afraid of the controversy. It's not a huge deal, but it is a few hundred dollars a week in television advertising this group has to make up from other sources. It's equivalent to paying for half the weekly pay of one headliner, and it can be made up by selling maybe two dozen more tickets per week or getting new local sponsors in Knoxville to take the place of the national advertisers that were pulled out. In addition, after the interview the two did at the Night of the Legends in Knoxville, the Knoxville NAACP complained about the portrayal and has threatened to picket shows in Knoxville, which Jim Cornette actually likes because he thinks the publicity will help attendance. The only other response thus far has been from a television station in Tampa which airs the show. Cornette is still gung-ho for building the company around them as the lead heels and thinks it's going to

draw big money, although not right away. It's too early to make any statement about the latter. As for the former, Cornette's defense is basically the same as the letter a few weeks back in the Observer from his former employee Darryl Van Horne, that rappers, movie characters and real-life people like Al Sharpton are a lot worse. The first show with them on top was on 8/19 in Marietta, GA which drew a horrible crowd of 340 against the Rock & Roll Express, but it's too soon to use that to make a generalization as to whether the angle will be a business success which is based on upping crowds from their usual level, plus a few hundred dollars a week more to make up for the ad revenue losses. The finish saw Rock & Rolls win to retain the tag titles, but after the match The Gangstas and their security force beat up on the Rock & Rolls while other members of the security force blocked the aisles to keep any babyfaces from making the save. As far as any other judgement, that's all a matter of personal taste. I've got a real problem with the issue of racism living in an ethnically diverse area and seeing how it often divides people up and how people make snap judgements for no logical reason about people based on the color of people's skin or ethnic origin, so I'm very sensitive to the issue and think that a lot of people who aren't would have a different attitude if they spent a week walking in other people's shoes. So I'm not thrilled about any angle that encourages and plays on racism. On the other hand, one has to accept that pro wrestling has always been built upon locals hating foreigners, whether they be from out of city, out of state or out of country. On those grounds, exploiting racism is neither any better or any worse than exploiting xenophobia. In some circles one issue may be more sensitive than the other but inherently both issues are the same--prejudice against those different than yourself and exploiting that to add to heat and theoretically increase ticket sales. Pro wrestling angles and gimmicks of people hating people for being different from them and playing off that latent and sometimes not latent hatred is something the entire business has been built around since the beginning of time. In many cases it works at the box office and in many cases it doesn't work, and that usually depends as much on the characters in the heel role as to whether it works or not as to the role they are playing. This isn't meant to justify it, just to state the reality of it.

As for the non-haircut in Johnson City, TN, a few clarifications. While Chris Candido and Tammy Fyfch obviously wouldn't mind earning more money, there was no argument nor controversy regarding Cornette and Candido over doing the haircut. It was apparently simply that the clippers didn't work. Cornette said that in hindsight he realizes booking the finish the way he did was a mistake. He said that if the finish had come off the way he visualized it, that he believes the fans wouldn't have been as pissed off as they were, but the odds were against it coming off exactly as he visualized it so he says he believes he shouldn't have done it in the first place. "It was one of the shittier moments in our history but we'll get over it."

Since Brian Lee's gimmick is changing, he'll be returning for several house shows in September as a babyface to feud with Candido.

Paid attendance at the Night of the Legends in Knoxville was 4,400 with 5,000 total in the building. It's something of a tricky deal because SMW isn't big with the comps like WWF, WCW and some of the Japanese groups to give the illusion of a packed house but in Knoxville they give tickets away in exchange for sponsorship dollars so on one hand the tickets are paid for (which makes up the majority of the difference between paid and total for the big show) but on the other hand they are comps, it's almost like splitting hairs.

On television this weekend, the Gangstas did an interview knocking the Knoxville NAACP. Bob Armstrong refused to announce who the new commissioner was because he said he didn't want Jim Cornette to find out. Dirty White Boy in an interview again said how he ran Jake Roberts out of town, then beat Terry Gordy and Dick Slater and Chris Walker found out and immediately chickened out. Cornette did an interview about trying to get the ban lifted on the Heavenly Bodies and said he made a mistake in bringing in Walker but said that Bruiser Bedlam would get the job done. The title change where Rock & Roll beat Lee & Candido aired and after Lee was pinned, the two broke-up. As Lee and Candido were brawling, Tammy Fyfch sprayed hairspray in Lee's eyes as the show went off the air.

The television show that aired the week before Night of the Legends in Knoxville did an eight rating which is the highest local rating the show has done since the formation of the promotion, roughly triple what WCW does in the same market on a stronger station and about 17 times what WWF did the same weekend also on a stronger station.

SEPTEMBER 5, 1994

Slow news week with Rock & Roll vs. Gangstas on top drawing 150 and 200 on the two shows in Albany, KY and Jellico, TN.

The debut of Boo Bradley (Abbuda Singh from New Jersey) aired on television this weekend with Tammy Fyfch holding him by a leash like an animal and Candido said he used to be his childhood friend because they were looking for a new partner just like Brian Lee, big, strong and dumb. He said Bradley used to beat up the kids who were giving Candido trouble because everyone was jealous of his natural blond hair and all he had to do was giving him half a peanut butter sandwich in return. Segment came off funny.

Rock & Roll vs. Heavenly Bodies title match aired but it was said to have been nowhere near the calibre of their matches in the past. Rock & Rolls scored a double pin after Bob Armstrong decked Jim Cornette as he tried to interfere.

SEPTEMBER 12, 1994

Boo Bradley (John Rickner from New Jersey aka Abbuda Singh from Larry Sharpe's school) captured the TV title from Lance Storm at the 9/5 tapings in Cumberland, KY. Storm had Bradley, who is doing a dog gimmick (you know, wearing a leash, walking around on all four, barking), pinned when Chris Candido jumped on the apron. Storm knocked Candido off the apron, but allowed Bradley to get his chain leash and KO Storm with it. The two beat on Storm until Brian Lee made the save, but Candido used the leash to choke him. Brian Logan then hit the ring and Candido used the banned piledriver on him. After the match Bob Armstrong announced the new mystery commissioner (there's a funny story behind that, in that the reason it's a mystery is because as of yet Cornette hasn't figured out who he's going to find for the position) had suspended Candido for 30 days (allowing him to do his All Japan tour). In interviews at the tapings after the suspension, Fyfch keeps complaining that Bradley isn't housebroken and is messing up the house.

TV wasn't as eventful as usual since most of it was to be built around The Rock & Roll Express vs. The Gangstas, however Ricky Morton missed the taping since his car broke down on

the way to the building on the top of a mountain so all angles and storylines will have to be done at an arena near you.

In the commentary on the show that airs 9/17, announcers Bob Caudle and Les Thatcher acknowledge the death of Boris Malenko, which probably will make this the only wrestling show in the country to make such a mention.

Brian Anderson, son of Ole, is headed in, probably doing an Ole Anderson gimmick.

Another Sharpe trainee, A.C. Connor, made his debut in a dark match and was said to have looked good.

Storm said that Jericho had gone back home until he's 100% (he's expected to start wrestling on a WAR tour at the end of September and return here around 10/20) and that he'd be teaming with Lee in the interim. Storm & Lee then lost their first match to Bradley & Candido when Fyfch hit Lee in the knee with her purse and he was counted out, basically the Hogan-Flair Clash finish.

They are building up a series of matches with Dirty White Boy vs. Bruiser Bedlam with the loser getting ten lashes, although if Bruiser loses, Cornette gets five of the lashes although if Cornette asks White Boy to stop lashing him, he will, but if Cornette asks him to stop, he has to leave SMW.

Next big show will be the "Apple Brawl" on 9/30 in Paintsville, KY headlined by a Rage in the cage with Rock & Roll & Tracy Smothers & White Boy vs. Gangstas & Bedlam & Candido, plus Rock & Roll vs. Gangstas for the tag belts, Smothers vs. Kyle, Storm vs. Bradley and White Boy defending against Bedlam. Cornette said he called The Gangstas to go over strategy but that they wouldn't talk to him and only said they didn't want to be in the ring with four caucasians.

Bob Armstrong had a TV handicap match scheduled against Cornette & Killer Kyle, but Cornette, who did an interview minutes earlier fine, showed up in a neck brace and sling saying he fell down the stairs. Naturally he interfered for the DQ. Bedlam hit the ring as well, but White Boy made the save with a belt whipping all three heels until they ran away.

The FITE union angle was dropped abruptly. Armstrong simply did an interview and said the new commissioner told Cornette the union was done and that all wrestlers must negotiate individually. They are doing funny segments each week where Cornette goes on location trying to find out who the commissioner is.

Bradley wrestled Lee for the TV title with Bradley using the chain for the pin.

Cornette did an interview insulting Dirty White Girl, so White Boy showed up and he and Bedlam fought over the belt. As he went after Cornette, Bedlam KO'd him with a foreign object and the two whipped the hell out of him. Bedlam took it easy, laying one hard whip in out of every four, but Cornette was like a maniac.

The tapings wound up with a 13 man Battle Royal which came down to Nu Jack and Robert Gibson, and it had no winner as the two brawled all over the place and everyone hit the ring, and they continued a pull-apart brawl until they wound up in

the dressing room. The Gangstas then did an interview and Gibson came out again and all three brawled to the back again.

They aired an interview with a fan that the Starlite Foundation sent down for Fan Week. They asked him who his favorite wrestler was and he said Terry Funk, and they didn't edit it or ask him to change. Do you think WWF or WCW in the same situation would have done the same? This reminds me of a major WCW show when they were filming a fan interview and asked him who his favorite wrestler was, and he said Jushin Liger (who at the time was working for WCW, it wasn't like he was a guy fans on television wouldn't know) and the kid was told to do it again and say Sting.

They returned to Johnson City for the first time since the haircut fiasco on 9/2 and drew about 500 fans, which is no more or no less than expected. They gave the fans a major Rock & Roll vs. Gangstas brawl all over the building, pull-apart, to the dressing room, then opened the curtain so fans could see them brawling, then out the back door and into the parking lot. At one point Nu Jack was thrown onto his Corvette (fans won't be told on television it was his car for obvious reasons) and (this wasn't planned), the car alarm went off in the middle of the angle.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1994

The latest in the saga of Jim Cornette and Smoky Mountain Wrestling is that the SMW promoter and booker was arrested and cited for vandalism and destruction of personal property on 9/12 stemming from an incident the previous night when he smashed all the windows and the front and back windshield of former employee K.C. O'Connor's car with a baseball bat.

Cornette was charged with two misdemeanors by the Hamlin County Sheriff's office, although a determination was to be made this week whether the vandalism charge would be elevated to a Class C Felony (the lowest level of felony) based on the financial amount of the damage. The estimated repair charges for replacing the windows in O'Connor's Nissan is \$800. He was released after posting \$5,000 bond and an arraignment was scheduled for 9/14.

Both Cornette and O'Connor gave remarkably similar (since in pro wrestling, two different sides normally give totally different versions of the same story) stories as to what happened at about 6:30 p.m. on Sunday night. O'Connor, who was one of two non-wrestling performing employees of SMW (the other being Pam Lawson, who also either quit or was fired at about the same time) was fired by Cornette on 8/7. On that night, Cornette accidentally left his tennis racquet under the ring at a show in Beckley, WV where he wrestled. When the ring crew couldn't find the racquet, O'Connor told him not to worry because he had one of Cornette's racquets in his car. Cornette asked him where he got it and he reminded Cornette that he gave it to him a few months earlier to mail to Bill Apter for a Pro Wrestling Illustrated contest. Cornette said that was the straw that broke the camel's back and fired O'Connor on the spot, and largely blamed O'Connor for much of his recent negative publicity. O'Connor said he was owed \$300 in out-of-pocket expenses for work he'd already done and money he'd laid out

for the company and asked Cornette if he could be reimbursed. Cornette claims he told O'Connor he'd see if he could help him out while O'Connor says Cornette told him he'd pay him. O'Connor then went on a trip to Wyoming after leaving Morristown.

Over the weekend, Cornette remembered that about six months earlier he had lent O'Connor his video camera. Cornette called up Anthony Michaels on 9/11, a prelim wrestler who works on the ring crew and was O'Connor's roommate, asking if O'Connor left behind a video camera. Michaels said he didn't know but that Cornette could talk to O'Connor, who had just arrived back in town from his trip. The two had a discussion on the phone centering around Cornette wanting his video camera back and O'Connor wanting his money reimbursed. O'Connor was also mad at Cornette because while he was gone, Bruiser Bedlam had been staying at his apartment without his knowledge, which Cornette said he didn't even know about. Cornette told O'Connor that he had cost him and the company more than \$300 in screwing up and in personal aggravation and told him he wasn't going to pay his expenses and he wasn't going to charge him for the money he claims he had cost him by screwing up. Cornette blamed him for publicity not getting to local sponsors on time in certain cities and recent negative Torch articles. O'Connor told Cornette then he wouldn't give him back his video camera and Cornette told him he was coming over immediately to get it.

After a phone call or two by O'Connor to other SMW wrestlers, he was given the advice to make sure to get his car out of the area so he had Michaels drive his car elsewhere. However, by the time Michaels was in the car and pulling out, Cornette was arriving and blocked the driveway. Cornette got out of the car and Michaels said he didn't want to be caught in the middle of the situation. Cornette asked O'Connor for his camera and O'Connor asked for his money. Cornette said he didn't have the money and O'Connor said he wasn't going to give him the camera. Cornette then told O'Connor he'd smash up the car with a baseball bat if he didn't get his camera, and pretty well made good on his threat. While that was going on, O'Connor called the police. Cornette, who could see him dialing the phone and figured what he was doing as he was smashing up the car, decided he didn't want to spend Sunday night in jail, and left town before turning himself in the next morning and being cited for vandalism.

In what could be addition trouble for SMW which is totally unrelated to wrestling, according to the 8/27 issue of New Musical Express, the British equivalent to "Rolling Stone," SMW backer Rick Rubin's Def American Record label can no longer distribute within the United Kingdom because of litigation with Phonogram Records of England. The article stated the financial drain and end results of the case which is before Britain's highest court could potentially shut down Rubin's company.

Another largely uneventful week for news with Rock & Roll Express vs. Gangstas headlining drawing 250 in Fisherville, VA and 350 in Morristown, TN. Matches end with Gangstas losing, but jumping the Rock & Rolls after the match.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1994

Much of the news this past week revolved around the aftermath of the Jim Cornette incident which was actually the main topic of conversation in wrestling last week and resulted in a front-page story in the local Morristown Citizen-Tribune, a

humorous story in the Miami Herald which was carried nationally by Knight-Ridder and a phone message on Cornette's answering machine which made both stories. Cornette's home phone answered, "Hi, this is Richard Kimball (the character from the movie "The Fugitive") and I swear it was a one-armed man with that baseball bat. If you've got a message about Smoky Mountain Wrestling, leave it. If you've got a message about my new paint, body and auto glass shop, leave that too."

In regard to what was reported here last week, despite the local police information stating the contrary, Cornette wasn't made to post a bond and he was charged with one count of Vandalism. At the 9/14 arraignment, it was a misdemeanor charge but if the Vandalism damage was more than \$500 (it was), it would be increased to a low-level felony. He is scheduled for a hearing on 9/27, although that may be delayed since he's booked for WWF television tapings that day. Cornette has agreed to pay for the damage to K.C. O'Connor's car if O'Connor will return his video camera.

Cornette also appeared to be the final straw in Ole Anderson's position with WCW. Anderson was working at the training school in Lovejoy, GA and apparently was expecting to be fired since WCW needs to cut costs because of all the blood being drawn (same situation as Ron Simmons, Tex Slazenger, etc.). Ole's son Bryant Anderson was also recently let go by WCW. Cornette was going to bring Bryant in doing an Ole Anderson gimmick and Ole did several interviews for Cornette promoting his son's arrival in SMW while working at the school. Eric Bischoff, who hadn't been to the school in four months, not so coincidentally drove up while an interview was in progress and privately called Ole over and told him it wasn't in his best interest to be talking with Cornette and then fired him the next day.

Chris Jericho is gone so the Thrillseekers tag team is history. Cornette said it turned out to be a major miscalculation since he originally expected this team to turn the territory around. He had brought the duo in for a \$900 per week each guarantee, which is far more than anyone else in the company was making, but unlike the rest of the wrestlers in the promotion, the company would get rights to their gimmick money, which didn't wind up being nearly as much as Cornette had anticipated. The team didn't get over as well as Cornette had expected for a number of reasons, partially because they didn't have a strong heel team to play off of and were very green to Southern style brawling having never worked the style and the fans in the area weren't ready for the high-flying moves style without the transitions. The first chance they had to get over in a serious program with the Heavenly Bodies had the momentum thwarted because Jericho broke his arm and was pretty well let go at that point. Jericho returned home to Calgary and will work for WAR and probably return to EMLL as NWA middleweight champion, but Storm is still around, although Cornette is trying to change his weekly pay to be in line to what everyone else makes and repackage him as a single.

They taped a Rock & Roll Express vs. Gangstas match on 9/16 at the Knoxville fair where the Gangstas apparently won the title when Nu Jack hit Robert Gibson with a night stick and the ref counted the pin and they announced the title change. After the match Bob Armstrong came out and told the ref what happened and he started the match and Ricky Morton pinned New Jack.

Jim Ross is expected but not a definite to debut at the next TV tapings and there is some talk about possibly Cactus Jack coming in.

OCTOBER 3, 1994

Jim Ross will officially replace Bob Caudle as lead announcer at the 10/3 television tapings. With Ross heading things up, SMW will start its own 900 number. Ross and Les Thatcher will become the regular announcing duo. Ross has also been in negotiations with UFC about doing their December PPV show.

Jim Cornette's hearing on the vandalism charge was scheduled for 9/27, but since he was scheduled in New York for WWF tapings, there is expected to be a continuance on the charge. At this point, K.C. O'Connor hasn't dropped the charges against Cornette. Add Mark Madden to the list of those Cornette went wild on in phone calls.

Ron West ran his first show for SMW on 9/19 in Cookville, TN and it was successful drawing 600 fans.

Ole & Bryant Anderson debut at the next tapings. Ole will do interviews to introduce his son and help get him over, but won't be wrestling.

Rock & Roll Express missed scheduled appearances over the weekend because they worked indie shots in St. Louis and were replaced by Dirty White Boy & Brian Lee vs. Gangstas on top.

Chris Candido's suspension angle aired on television over the weekend to allow him to leave for All Japan. Tracy Smothers returns this week from IWA.

The Apple Brawl '94 show headlined by Rage in a Cage (similar to War Games but with handcuffs added as a stipulation) on 9/30 in Paintsville, KY was moved from the indoor gym to the football field because the gym was being remodeled.

There is some heat with USWA since SMW ran a show on 9/22 in Glasgow, KY, and USWA then booked the same building one week earlier. USWA drew about 200 fans while SMW drew 250.

Killer Kyle may be through with the group as he worked in the main event on an opposition show on 9/24 in Elizabethton, TN the same night as SMW was in the city and the opposition show with no names apparently outdrew SMW.

Don't know this as a definite, but there appears to be a good chance Cactus Jack will be brought in for Thanksgiving weekend as a babyface to team with Lance Storm against Candido & Boo Bradley.

OCTOBER 10, 1994

Update on the Jim Cornette/K.C. O'Connor situation is that at the 9/27 hearing, the legal charges of vandalism against Cornette for allegedly bashing in O'Connor's car windows (estimated \$1,200 damage so it would be a felony) were continued until February when the case will go before the grand jury. Cornette wasn't present since he was in

Poughkeepsie for the WWF tapings. There is a lot of pressure on O'Connor to drop the charges and Cornette wants to settle the matter out of court.

The 10/3 television taping in Morganton, NC was probably the group's hottest television in months, leading up to the Thanksgiving Thunder cards. First off, The Gangstas will be announced either this coming weekend or next as new SMW tag team champions. The title change match is actually the 9/16 Knoxville match between the two teams that the Rock & Rolls won. The match, which aired on television 10/1, saw Gangstas first get the win when they used a billy club, but Bob Armstrong came out and told the referee what happened, he restarted the match and the Rock & Rolls won. As the storyline goes, the Gangstas hired defense lawyers (they were careful not to mention a specific organization but wanted you to believe it was ACLU) saying the Gangstas had their rights denied and asked SMW to provide videotape of any other title match where the referee ruled the title had changed hands only for a wrestler to get the referee to restart the match and SMW was unable to come up with the tape showing another instance so to avoid "an expensive legal fight," SMW had to give the tag titles to The Gangstas. The TV title changed hands twice at the 10/3 Morganton, NC tapings, first with Scott Studd winning the title from Boo Bradley when Cactus Jack came to ringside and Bradley started waving at him, and Studd schoolboyed him. Bryant Anderson, managed by Ole, defeated Studd to win the title.

Thanksgiving Thunder shows will be headlined by Bob Armstrong vs. Abdullah the Butcher. Armstrong will retire from the SMW rings and take back over from the mystery commissioner on 12/1 (mystery because apparently the mystery will never be answered, which at this point I guess it's okay to reveal that the idea originally was for Bill Watts to be the mystery commissioner but last anyone heard of him he was somewhere in Australia and Cornette couldn't come up with an appropriate person so just kept it as a mystery). If Bob loses, he has to leave SMW forever and can't take the commissionership role. If Bob wins, then Jim Cornette has to kiss Bob's feet in the ring and that the feud between the two is over and Cornette can't have anything to do with Armstrong's business from that point forward. Also on the shows will be Dirty White Boy & Ron Wright vs. Bruiser Bedlam & Cornette (this match won't be taking place in Marietta, GA since Wright didn't wrestle there in the 60s), Gangstas vs. Rock & Roll in Ghetto Street Fights for the tag titles, Cactus Jack & Brian Lee vs. Chris Candido & Bradley and Tracy Smothers vs. Anderson in no time limit matches.

Ole & Bryant Anderson actually debuted on television this past week saying Bryant was there because when he was younger, Smothers made fun of him at an amateur wrestling meet but that he was 170 pounds then and now he's 250 pounds. The two are doing 20:00 draws at all the house shows which actually started this past weekend leading to Thanksgiving to build up no time limit matches. Smothers came out on the first hour of tapings saying he remembered Anderson as a good amateur wrestler that he worked out with a few times years ago but didn't know what problem he could have had with him.

They did an angle showing Ricky Morton arriving late to the building (to explain his missing the last tapings) all beat up claiming he was helping someone on the side of the road and that all of a sudden he was hit by a club and several people beat him up. He said he knew it wasn't the Gangstas (since they were at the taping) but it looked like it was their security force and vowed revenge. Gangstas did an interview and said

the police came to their home but they were home in bed (which was a screw up since they should have said they were at the show) when the incident occurred.

They introduced a new segment called "Confrontation with Jim Ross" (who debuted as the new TV announcer with Les Thatcher so Bob Caudle is gone) where two people feuding would do an interview but if there was any physical problems, the one initiating it would be fined and suspended. Bob Armstrong and Cornette were out with them building up the Bob vs. mystery man (later revealed as Abdullah) match. Anderson debuted using the shoulderbreaker and standing armbar submission as his finisher. Brian Lee & Lance Storm were interviewed talking about house show matches against Bradley & Candido. Bradley then defended and lost the TV title to Studd. After the match Cactus Jack (who got the biggest pop of the night) did an interview saying he's come in for humanitarian reasons because he knows Candido & Tammy Fyfch mistreat Bradley and wanted to get to the bottom of it.

On the second show (air date 10/22), Jack came out talking to Bradley when Fyfch started yelling at Jack saying that Bradley was her property. Jack asked Fyfch for a hug and Fyfch stormed off. Then they do an angle at a supposed ghetto bar where Gangstas were bragging to their friends about getting the tag titles when Rock & Rolls showed up and they brawled all over the bar. After the footage aired they announced The Gangstas had gone to the police and had Rock & Rolls arrested for starting the fight. Morton then did an interview saying first they had the lawyers steal the tag titles and then when they took matters into their own hands and went on the Gangstas turf, The Gangstas were the ones who called the police and had them arrested (boy is there some bizarre symbolism coming out of these angles). Studd wrestled Sean Casey for the TV title but Bradley came out and beat both of them up. Cactus came out and tried to talk to Bradley but Fyfch dragged him out by his dog collar. Ross' confrontation was with Smothers, Ole & Bryant Anderson setting up the no time limit matches saying they've wrestled all over but gone the distance every time. Cornette announced Abdullah as the mystery opponent for Armstrong. White Boy wrestled Bedlam in a match with the loser getting whipped stips. White Boy came out with a surprise who was Ron Wright. Finish saw Cornette trip White Boy, Wright and Cornette got into it and finally Wright hit Bedlam with a blackjack and he was pinned. White Boy began whipping Bedlam. After he had whipped Bedlam five times, they let him go to begin whipping Cornette, but Bedlam attacked Wright, White Boy attacked Bedlam and Cornette threw powder at White Boy and they tied White Boy to the ropes and held Wright and Cornette began whipping Wright.

On the third hour, Anderson won the TV title using the standing armbar submission. Afterwards Smothers comes out and congratulates Anderson for winning the TV title. During an interview with Fyfch & Bradley, Thatcher tells Fyfch they got word from backstage that Candido was on the phone and needed to talk to Fyfch immediately so she left. At this point Bradley was standing out there and Cactus came out and Bradley starts telling how Candido was his only friend except for Boots and that he lets him stay in the dog house and gives him steak out of a can and sometimes gives him as many as five \$1 bills to buy things. Cactus brought up that the Beat the Champ money is \$1,000. At this point Fyfch returned saying there was no phone call and whispers something in Bradley's ear and Bradley goes nuts and attacks Cactus. Jack went to Lee & Storm and asked one of them to step aside over Thanksgiving weekend because he had business to settle. TV

main was Morton vs. Nu Jack which never got started since A.C. Connor (a member of the Gangstas security force) hit Morton with a chair and they ended up with a 10:00 pull-apart brawl involving every wrestler on the card.

Fourth hour saw Cactus & Lee announce they were forming a tag team at Thanksgiving Thunder. Bradley then came out and told Cactus he was sorry about what happened the week before. Fytch them comes out with a cat, who turns out to be Boots and acts like she's going to strangle the cat if Bradley doesn't listen to her which he does and left. Cactus then said, "This isn't the first time a little pussy has messed up a man's mind." Boy, I hope when the cat got involved you could see that line coming. The idea coming out of this is supposed to be a take-off on the Undertaker with Bradley eventually going face and whenever he's getting killed, the face manager would hold up the cat, like Paul Bearer does with the urn, and Bradley would get magical powers. They had a confrontation segment with Armstrong, Cornette and Ron West where Cornette calls West "Ronnie Pyle," the forgotten relative on Goober and Gomer.

They also taped one match for airing 11/13 which is Anderson vs. Smothers for the TV title. They work a face vs. face style match with Anderson reversing a small package and getting the three count. Smothers then shook Anderson's hand, at which point Anderson started kicking Smothers. Smothers made a comeback and continued to pound on Anderson until finally Ole dragged him away.

They held a major card called "Apple Brawl '94" on 9/30 in Paintsville, KY before 850 headlined by a Rage in the cage with Rock & Roll & White Boy & Smothers over Bradley & Bedlam & Gangstas. Gangstas wouldn't listen or work with the other two. It wound up with Smothers making Bradley submit to the spinning toe hold.

OCTOBER 17, 1994

Morale seems to be up after the last television because Ron West, Cactus Jack and Jim Ross were there and everything ran smoothly. It looks like Boo Bradley is being groomed to be a major character babyface.

They announced the tag team title change on television over the weekend. Bob Armstrong did an interview with the Rock & Roll Express. Armstrong said The Gangstas went to a powerful Atlanta Civil Rights law firm which had ties to rich people in New York and California and threatened a Civil Rights lawsuit. Bob said the new commissioner (who will never be named since Bob will take over on 12/1) decided that even if they won the court case, the legal fees would be so high it would threaten to put SMW out of business so it would be better to just turn the belts over to the Gangstas and make sure they defended them against the Rock & Roll Express. Ricky Morton did an interview and said how embarrassed they were to be handing the belts over without even losing them. They then aired a 10:00 long video of the Gangstas celebrating in the hood to set up the angle that'll run with Rock & Roll next week.

Even though the announcement hadn't aired on TV yet, they had Gangstas with the belts at the house shows. 10/8 in Johnson City drew 659 for an average show. They had a loser gets whipped match with Dirty White Boy vs. Bruiser Bedlam in which Bedlam won via DQ. White Boy then told the fans he was a man of his word and took the five whippings from Bruiser and five more from Jim Cornette. Bedlam beat up the

ref and Cornette tried to whip White Boy even more. Tracy Smothers made a save and during this the ref uncuffed White Boy who got the whip and got some shots in at Cornette. A no DQ no time limit main event saw Gangstas keep the titles when Robert Gibson got pinned after being hit with a night stick by Mustafa Saed that A.C. Connor (one of the Gangstas possee at ringside) had brought to the ring.

Upcoming shows in Beckley, WV have been canceled until the group gets back on television.

OCTOBER 24, 1994

Mixture of good and bad news in the past week. By all accounts, the first show of the new television format aired on 10/15 in the territory and was said to be a 100% improvement, not only in announcing with Jim Ross replacing Bob Caudle, but in lighting, editing and production.

Ole & Bryant Anderson were there and Ole said that Bryant would be just like him and Gene, no fancy robes, no fancy ring entrance, no fancy music, just a wrestler.

They cut the number of local interview segments on the show down from three to two and replaced them with several plugs for the SMW 900 line which is going up headed by reports by Ross.

The bad is that the 10/14 show in Knoxville drew the smallest crowd in the promotion's history in the city--just 481 fans--for the no DQ Gangstas vs. Rock & Roll Express title match and loser gets whipped match with Dirty White Boy vs. Bruiser Bedlam.

Doug Gibson is running two shows with SMW wrestlers this coming weekend in Virginia and Bobby Blaze has an SMW show on 10/30 in Ashland, KY which includes Blaze vs. Chris Candido for the U.S. jr. title and White Boy defending the SMW title against Al Snow along with most of the regular match-ups.

They've added an afternoon show in Carrollton, GA on 11/27 as part of the Thanksgiving Thunder tour and will run Marietta, GA that evening. Sam Kent, a local Georgia television wrestling host/promoter, will team with Dirty White Boy against Jim Cornette and Bruiser Bedlam on both Georgia shows since Ron Wright never was a big name in Georgia.

Jim Cornette and K.C. O'Connor had a phone conversation this past week which was civil although they didn't come to an agreement. Cornette attempted to pay for damages to O'Connor's car in exchange for O'Connor dropping the charges against him.

The Dennis Coraluzzo NWA shows are now being billed as SMW shows on 11/17 in South Philadelphia at Stanton Hall, which is pretty close to the ECW Arena, 11/18 in Pleasantville, NJ and 11/19 in Cherry Hill, NJ for the NWA tournament. Eddie Gilbert is the final name in the tournament.

OCTOBER 31, 1994

Schedule is pretty light this past week and this coming week. Only one show this week which was 10/21 in Flemington, KY and next week the two Virginia shows promoted by Doug Ward (Doug Gibson) were canceled after Ward had poor

showings promoting a few shows last week using Road Warrior Hawk on top. Several of the headliners weren't there as Bruiser Bedlam returned home to Canada for a few weeks, Robert Gibson was out as his back went out again so Ricky Morton & Tracy Smothers teamed up against The Gangstas.

The TV bar room brawl with Gangstas and Rock & Roll Express aired. It wasn't as wild as one would expect.

NOVEMBER 7, 1994

Only show this week was on 10/30 in Ashland, KY drawing 150 in a show promoted by former SMW wrestler Bobby Blaze. Blaze, billed as U.S. junior heavyweight champ on his own shows, pinned Chris Candido in the best match on the show. Another interesting match saw Dirty White Boy retain the SMW title pinning the masked Shinobi (Al Snow).

Having caught up on the videos the past few weeks, one thing is really obvious. The Gangstas didn't work. Forget politically correct, a phrase that has nothing to do with wrestling, this is a business about making money. Nine times out of ten when a company reaches too far, either out of desperation or inspiration, it turns off more fans than it turns on. When I watch the Gangstas TV matches, all the heat these guys were supposed to be getting is disguised as silence. When I saw the title change match from Knoxville, it looked like Ricky & Robert were leading two independent guys through a watchable, but not heated nor exciting match. Live attendance since they've been on top speaks for itself. Nu Jack can talk really well, but his interviews don't hit you in the gut and aren't going to sell any tickets. Neither he nor his partner can garner anything but basic heat from their ringwork, even working with Ricky Morton who is one of the all-time masters. Although he gets no credit, the one who is doing the good interviews in the feud and almost totally carrying it is Morton, and obviously that isn't close to enough. In the ring it's obvious the two aren't ready for main events. Mustapha isn't even ready for opening matches. The race card didn't work, probably because this gimmick was 100% the race card with no substance backing it up and not two guys who were ready for main events that also happened to be black and played upon that as a gimmick. This situation is going to come up again in wrestling and if there is criticism, people will start screaming about people are trying to make wrestling politically correct and again miss the entire point of the argument. Not always, but in most cases, it just doesn't work because the audience isn't as backwards as it needs to be for race feuding with no substance to be enough to draw money.

SMW's own 900 line (900-73SMOKY) is being heavily plugged on television, headed by commentary updates by Jim Ross and Jim Cornette.

NOVEMBER 14, 1994

Jim Cornette and K.C. O'Connor settled their legal problems out-of-court over the incident where Cornette smashed in the windows of O'Connor's car with a baseball bat. Cornette paid for all repairs and legal fees and there was an undisclosed settlement in return for O'Connor dropping any potential civil and all legal action against Cornette.

Abdullah the Butcher won't be appearing against Bob Armstrong in the main events at Thanksgiving Thunder due to being in the All Japan tag tournament. Butcher, after agreeing

to the dates, called Cornette up after the taping one month ago and said he couldn't be there. However, at the television tapings held on 11/7, they were still building up that match and there is no word on who will be brought in as a replacement. I hate when things like this happen but these are the type of things that can make fans not want to come back.

It was another eventful taping, although not as many happenings as the one last month. Bryant Anderson retained the TV title for the fifth week and then vacated it. The next show had Steve Armstrong face D.L. Brown (A.C. Connor) for the held up title which Steve won via DQ when The Gangstas attacked him, but since it was a DQ, they ruled the title still vacant. The final of the four shows had Brian Lee beating The Nightmare (Ted Allen) to become the new champion.

On the first show, which airs 11/18, Chris Candido returned and said how glad he was to be back and Tammy Fyfch against told Boo Bradley that if he doesn't listen to her and Chris that Boots, his cat, would get hurt. Bryant Anderson and Tracy Smothers had a pull-apart. Jim Cornette came out and claimed that he knows Bob Armstrong is the current commissioner and said he was going to get Robert Shapiro on the case and sue to find out who the commissioner was. Bob said he'd bring the commissioner out and said the commissioner was someone who had the same moral values as he did, and brought out Scott Armstrong and Cornette went nuts. Scott explained the reason he and Steve haven't been around is because they are working behind-the-scenes running the company in secret but now with Bob going back to the commissioners job, they are getting back in the ring. Dirty White Boy did an interview saying he didn't know why Ron Wright wasn't there but he had a strap match on TV with Bruiser Bedlam. Cornette hit White Boy with the racquet for the DQ and they were doing a double-team when Wright showed up late and made the save.

The 11/25 TV show has Anderson challenging Smothers to matches over Christmas week where they must be won via submission. Cornette then told the Gangstas how much he hated the Rock & Roll Express and wanted to manage them and the Gangstas insulted Cornette and blew him off. Nu Jack said Cornette is just like all the hillbillies that want to own a black man. They continued the storyline where Boo Bradley wanted to be friends with Cactus Jack but Tammy told Bradley that Jack had tried to hurt Boots so Bradley switched gears. Jack did an interview saying he wasn't in SMW for any titles, but that he's on a mission from God to lead Bradley to heaven, which was a way for Jack to say on the air that he's in the Missionary Position. Actually all of Jack's interviews on all the shows contained remarks like that. The Gangstas had a match with Brian Lee & Lance Storm ending when Candido hit Lee with a garbage can and he was pinned. Candido then hid under the ring so ref Mark "Tirantes" Curtis (as he was announced) couldn't see him. Jack then came out and he, Lee and Storm surrounded the ring, Storm pulled Candido out and Jack hit Candido over the head with a garbage can which led to a match on the following show.

That show opened with Bob Armstrong talking to White Boy and Ron Wright telling them a sports agent from California is putting pressure on SMW because he has a major superstar coming in and wants a title match immediately rather than having to work his way up and White Boy agreed to the match. Apparently Cornette doesn't even know who this superstar is. Cornette, after being insulted by the Gangstas, asked the Rock & Roll Express if he could manage them at Christmas Chaos. Cactus & Lee asked for Falls Count Anywhere matches with

Bradley & Candido at Christmas Chaos. Anderson and Smothers did a submission demonstration. First Anderson made James Adkins submit to his armbar. Then Smothers did an exhibition where he caught Anthony Michaels in the figure four but then Anderson attacked Smothers and put the armbar on him. Smothers sold it big. Anderson kept getting pulled off and kept putting the hold back on. Gangstas did an interview saying it'll be Rock & Roll Express' last chance at them and that they need Cornette because they can't win without him but he won't make enough of a difference. Candido vs. Jack was the best match at the taping ending when Candido collided with Bradley at ringside and Jack hit the double arm DDT for the win. Tammy sprayed stuff in Jack's eyes and Candido layed him out and told Bradley to jump off the top rope on him. Bradley refused. Finally Tammy threatened to hurt the cat and Bradley got on the top rope, but before he could jump, Lee made the save.

On the final show Rock & Rolls (in a videotaped package since they were in Japan this week) finally agree to take Cornette as their manager.

With Rock & Rolls in Japan, house shows were down to eight wrestlers with two singles and a tag, followed by the same eight guys working an eight-man tag match on top, which is said to be infinitely better than the Battle Royals they used to headline spot shows with.

They ran an angle at the 11/5 house show in Morristown, TN where they had White Boy in a cage match against both Cornette & Bedlam. White Boy had both beat when Anderson threw the tennis racquet to Bedlam who hit White Boy. Cornette then pinned White Boy in the middle.

Anderson, when it comes to face and voice and some mannerisms is so much like his father that it's scary.

Expect the Heavenly Bodies back sometime early in 1995.

NOVEMBER 21, 1994

This week's television show was a preview show for Thanksgiving Thunder, which is strange because one would think the preview should air next weekend. The show was said to be nowhere near the calibre of the preview show for Night of the Legends.

Crowds were a little stronger this past week, generally in the 500-550 range.

This coming week is the SMW New Jersey/Pennsylvania tour.

WTLK, which airs this group's show in Atlanta were hot at the group because of Cactus Jack's interview saying something like Boo Bradley wasn't the first man messed up by a little pussy (in reference to the cat).

NOVEMBER 28, 1994

Besides the NWA tournament, largely an uneventful week as all three shows were held in the Philadelphia area, with the tournament drawing about 625 while the other two shows drew 162 and about 100 respectively. In the tournament first round, Tracy Smothers beat Devon Storm, who looked green but showed a lot of potential. Eddie Gilbert, who was the star of the

show, beat Johnny Gunn in a brawl all over the building. Gunn was swearing about both ECW and WCW loudly during the match. Chris Candido pinned Al Snow in a very good match with a huracanrana off the power bomb. Dirty White Boy beat Jerry Lawler, who was managed by Jim Cornette, via DQ when Cornette interfered. Lawler worked the show with WWF permission because he felt he owed Dennis Coraluzzo a favor since Coraluzzo was the only promoter who continued to book him while he was under indictment. Lou Perez went to a draw with Osamu Nishimura, eliminating both, in a disappointing match. Smothers beat Gilbert in another brawl all over the building match with a double pin and Smothers getting his shoulder up. White Boy, who had his knee clipped in a post-match brawl after his win over Lawler, sold the knee the entire match with Candido which ended when his knee gave out doing a suplex and Candido fell on top for the pin. Final was a \*\*\*\* match with Candido and Smothers with lots of near falls with Candido winning.

Bob Orton will be replacing Abdullah the Butcher and headlining the Thanksgiving Thunder shows against Bob Armstrong.

Expect Heavenly Bodies to return early next year as faces to feud with The Gangstas.

DECEMBER 5, 1994

The Thanksgiving Thunder tour was a big week at the gate with Knoxville doing more than 1,500 fans on Thanksgiving night and nearly \$15,000, while Paintsville, KY did 950, Johnson City around 1,250 and Marietta, GA around 650. Results all four nights were pretty similar, with Gangstas beating Rock & Roll Express all four nights due to interference from D.Lo Brown and Nu Jack using foreign objects, which sets up Christmas Chaos return matches with Jim Cornette managing Rock & Rolls. The matches were said to have been pretty hot but on the short side. Bob Armstrong pinned Bob Orton, subbing for Abdullah the Butcher, so after the match Cornette had to kiss Armstrong's feet and he can never feud with Armstrong again, and Armstrong retires to become commissioner once again. Those matches were pretty bad. Fans in Knoxville were very upset about Abdullah the Butcher not being there and there were some refund chants, while in Johnson City, fans seemed let down but there was no strong negative reaction. The biggest pops were when Ron Wright kicked Jim Cornette with his loaded boot to score the pin in tag matches with Dirty White Boy and Bruiser Bedlam as the respective partners. In Marietta, they used local promoter Sam Kent instead of Wright, who has no history there, and that wasn't as good. Cactus Jack & Brian Lee went to double count outs with Boo Bradley & Chris Candido to set up falls count anywhere matches at Christmas Chaos. White Boy will defend the title against an opponent yet to be found at the Chaos shows while Tracy Smothers faces Bryant Anderson. Chaos shows are 12/25 in Knoxville, 12/26 in Johnson City, 12/27 in Lenior, NC, 12/28 in Erlinger, KY and 12/30 in Ashland, Ky will all seats \$6 each night. They debut on 12/2 in Erlinger, KY, a city near Cincinnati with Les Thatcher running the shows.

Expect a major talent shuffling between now and the first of the year. Lance Storm finished up this past weekend and is returning to Canada. Candido will wind up either working heavily with All Japan with a regular schedule and here for spot dates in between, or going to WWF. Most expect Brian Lee will wind up with WWF at some point, and Bruiser Bedlam may as well. No word on who will be brought in to replace them

although we may get an idea next week since they're doing TV on 12/5 in Princeton, WV.

DECEMBER 12, 1994

They taped television on 12/5 in Princeton, WV with a lot of angles and such for television that will air from 12/17 to 1/7. After Christmas Chaos, the next major show will be 1/28 in Knoxville called "Super Saturday Night Fever." Among the matches on the show will be Dirty White Boy working twice, once in an SMW title defense against Jerry Lawler and also in a non-title Lights out match with Buddy Landel. They'll headline probably with Gangstas against either Rock & Roll Express or Heavenly Bodies as it wasn't made clear at the taping and Bodies are coming in as faces for Johnson City and Knoxville shots in January or February to work with Gangstas. In addition they'll be feuding Chris Candido with Boo Bradley and Brian Lee with Bruiser Bedlam and have what is billed as a Rumble Rules Royal (Royal Rumble).

The only title change at the taping saw Landel beat Lee to win the TV title which will air on the 12/31 show.

First show opens with Robert Q. Harmon (Bob Harmon of Cincinnati, the original Beautiful Bobby in the 60s tag team with Magnificent Maurice) as a sports agent who has a protege from Los Angeles that wants a title shot with White Boy. White Boy agrees to the shot and is then attacked with the plastic bag over the head angle by Landel.

Jim Ross interviews the Rock & Rolls and Cornette and is skeptical of Cornette's motives and warns Rock & Rolls against using him as their manager. Cornette comes out and winds up arguing with Ross and Rock & Rolls but eventually promises Rock & Rolls that if he's in their corner, he guarantees them the tag titles at Christmas Chaos. Gangstas then did an interview laughing about how Cornette and Rock & Rolls can't even get along. Landel & Harmon do an interview with Landel saying Buddy Rogers was the original Nature Boy, then Ric Flair was Nature Boy until he lost to a 60-year-old bald man. He also said White Boy should be used to having a bag over his head because the only way he gets anywhere with the White Girl is when he puts a bag over his head. TV main was Cactus vs. Bradley with a triple knockout collision. Tammy Fyfch then jumped into the ring with a bag (that was supposed to have the cat in it but the cat was a no-show) and Jack grabbed the bag. When Bradley saw Jack with the bag he went nuts and they wound up brawling all over the place to a double count out. On the 12/24 show, the highlight is Rock & Rolls wrestling more aggressively, with Cornette in the corner, interfering regularly in their match. Gangstas freak out doing commentary at Cornette's interference and after Rock & Rolls win, they jump the Rock & Rolls. Cornette freezes, then walks out on them, but comes back later with three tennis racquets, throws one to Ricky, one to Robert and takes the other and they clean house.

12/31 show opens with them announcing Candido as the new NWA champion and Jim Ross talks about the tournament. They show a clip of the White Boy vs. Jerry Lawler match where Lawler and Cornette attack White Boy, and White Boy challenges Lawler to a match. Harmon comes out and says that Landel, not Lawler deserves the title shot. Bedlam then does an interview with Cornette complaining saying he deserves the title shots, not Landel or Lawler and says Cornette is spending too much time with Rock & Roll Express. Cornette tells him to be patient and the two argue and it ends

up with Cornette telling him that with all the title shots that he'd gotten, if he'd only won once, they wouldn't be having these problems. Landel beats Lee for the TV title using the ropes with Harmon bracing his legs.

Final show saw Bedlam do an interview saying he's going on his own and has broken with Cornette. He ends up with a singles match with Cactus which ends via DQ and winds up with Lee in the ring and a brawl.

Biggest show of the past week was 12/2 in Erlanger, KY promoted by announcer Les Thatcher and Harmon, which is across the river from Cincinnati drawing 600. Matches were the same as the usual stuff with two local matches underneath, one of whom was a wrestler called Tower of Doom, which last I heard was the same of a once or twice used cage that Jim Crockett had done for a 1988 PPV show in Baltimore.

At the Thanksgiving Thunder shows, Ron Wright got the biggest babyface pop in every building he appeared. In Johnson City, Wright's brother Don Wright was celebrating with Ron and White Boy in the ring after the win over Bruiser Bedlam & Cornette.

Cactus Jack and Chris Candido had a strong television match this weekend. Told the angle where Rock & Roll Express agreed to be managed by Cornette for the Christmas final title shot matches with Gangstas came across a little weak, as if it was too easy with too little arguing and explanations to explain why they'd agree to have Cornette manage them, when all that happened was Gangstas turning Cornette down. However, after watching the last month of television it was really easy to see why the Thanksgiving shows drew well, and I don't think it was Abdullah the Butcher as the main reason although he was pushed very strongly. Cornette's interviews on Ron Wright were tremendous when it comes to hitting people in the way that gets them to buy tickets. Cactus Jack did great interviews on the show, and all the matches were pretty well hyped equally as far as importance but the Bedlam & Cornette vs. White Boy & Wright match came across as the most compelling. They were hardly the best matches considering Wright is largely immobile and Cornette is limited by his physical conditioning, or lack thereof.

DECEMBER 19, 1994

Tammy Fyfch was injured on 12/10 in Morristown, TN taking a bump during a tag match. She was on the apron and went to hit Tracy Smothers with her purse but didn't hold on to the rope with her free hand and Smothers came at her fast and she took a Cactus Jack type nestea plunge backward, but panicked and broke the fall with her hands which wound up dislocating one finger and breaking two others. She'll be in a cast for three weeks but won't miss any dates in her role.

Brian Lee and Lance Storm were advertised for shows this weekend against Chris Candido & Boo Bradley. Storm has already left the territory and no idea why Lee wasn't there. In Morganton, NC they were replaced by Smothers & Dirty White Boy, who worked earlier on the show. In Morristown, Smothers teamed with 60-year-old Mongolian Stomper in the tag match.

On television this weekend to build to the Bradley turn they did a video showing that Candido and Fyfch kept Bradley living in the garage curled up by the boiler. Fyfch told Bradley she was taking his cat but if he hurts Cactus Jack over Christmas, he'll

get the cat back. If he doesn't, they are throwing the cat off the bridge into the river.

DECEMBER 26, 1994

Correction from last week. When we talked about new SMW manager Bob Harmon, who said he was the Beautiful Bobby that teamed with Magnificent Maurice. Actually Maurice's tag partner in those days was Handsome Johnny Barend. Harmon wrestled mainly in the Ohio area and further East in the late 60s and early 70s as Beautiful Bobby managed by Ernie "Grand Wizard" Roth.

JANUARY 2, 1995

The first three Christmas Chaos shows were both successful at the gate and as shows. With all tickets at \$6, Knoxville on 12/25 drew 2,315 paid, Johnson City drew about 1,275 on 12/26 and Lenoir, NC drew a full house of 700, which would be SMW's largest crowd ever in that city. Rock & Roll Express, managed by Jim Cornette on all the shows which is the gimmick largely responsible for drawing the crowds, won the tag titles 12/25 from The Gangstas and retained them the next two nights. In Knoxville, Cornette came out with a "court injunction" banning the Gangstas' posse from ringside. Cornette wasn't over as a face coming out the first two nights. In Knoxville, D.Lo Brown came out to interfere and was cut off by Cornette. During the melee Nu Jack hit Cornette, who dropped the tennis racquet, but Ricky Morton picked it up and hit Nu Jack with it for the pin. After the match the Gangstas did a 3-on-2 on Rock & Roll and Cornette just stood there and didn't help. Finally he signalled for The Gangstas to stretch Morton out and loaded up his tennis racquet, but instead hit The Gangstas & Brown. The heels turned the tables and did a reverse Rodney King on Cornette destroying his knee with a billy club and Cornette juiced heavily in the brawl. The next night Cornette came out on a crutch with his head bandaged and said how he promised he'd lead Rock & Roll to win the titles but since they had, he'd fulfilled his deal but he asked to be in their corner one more night because of what Gangstas had done to him the previous night. Fans were mixed and seemed unhappy that the Rock & Rolls agreed to allow Cornette to manage them again, which ended up largely the same way. The fans wouldn't cheer Cornette even when he came out with Rock & Rolls for the main event, but finally got behind him when he got on the mic and did some pseudo racial remarks and after the post-match beating, fans were with him.

Highlights of the show all three nights were the falls count anywhere matches involving Cactus Jack and Chris Candido. First night was a tag with Jack & Tracy Smothers (replacing Brian Lee who has quit the promotion) vs. Candido & Boo Bradley. The match was said to be well over \*\*\*\* (the matches the next two nights were also around \*\*\*\*) which included them brawling all over the building. Cactus took a backdrop into a filled jacuzzi and it wound up with all four brawling in the jacuzzi and continuing the match drenched in water. Bradley came off the top rope but Smothers pulled Jack out of the way and Bradley hit Candido who was pinned. After the match they "killed" Bradley's cat Boots. They brought the cat (actually it's Tammy Fyatch's pet cat) to the building and put it in a bag and threatened to kill it (the gimmick on TV had been they had threatened to kill the cat if Bradley didn't win the match for their team) but Bradley chased them to the back. While in the back, they dropped off the cat and got a new bag with no cat but fans didn't know this, made their way back into the ring and Candido

came off the top rope with a buttdrop onto the bag, "killing" the cat. Bradley wound up crying and shaking hands with Cactus. The next two nights they did singles matches because they announced Bradley refused to team with Candido over what happened, and Bradley's got involved in post-match action. In Lenoir, NC, they were brawling on the concession table and Jack did a sunset flip off the concession table onto the floor for the pin.

The Dirty White Boy-Buddy Landel title matches wound up with a DQ on White Boy. In Johnson City, Landel using a chain unseen by the ref, and finally Dirty White Girl came out and gave White Boy a plastic bag which he put over Landel's head for the DQ.

The I Quit matches with Smothers vs. Bryant Anderson ended in screw-jobs. They had ref bumps and Smothers got Anderson in a submission and Smothers told Anderson to say I Quit over the p.a. and Anderson said, "No, you quit" but the ref was groggy and thought Anderson had said "I quit" and gave the match to Smothers.

The next major show is 1/28 in Knoxville with Gangstas vs. Heavenly Bodies, White Boy vs. Landel in a Lights Out match, White Boy vs. Jerry Lawler for the SMW title, Bradley vs. Candido, Smothers vs. Landel to determine the No. 1 contender for the SMW title, a Royal Rumble Battle Royal and Rock & Roll Express vs. Eddie Gilbert and someone else.

Sunday Bloody Sunday II will take place 2/26 in Knoxville.

Talent situation goes something like this. Tammy Fyatch will be suspended over what happened to the cat although they'll do injunction gimmicks to void the suspension when they can use her until the point she appears within their territory on WWF tapes, at which point the suspension will end her stint. Candido will stick around to finish up the program with Bradley and then leave for WWF full-time in probably about two months. Bruiser Bedlam won't be in during January as he was to be programmed with Lee, who has quit, so he doesn't have an opponent, but will be brought back in February. Gilbert starts at television on 1/2 as probably will someone else to be his partner. Jim Ross is supposed to stick around as television announcer since it only requires one day per month even though he's going to work full-time with Titan and moving to Connecticut.

Apparently Cornette did some interviews for this group while at the last WWF tapings with the Bodies for the 1/28 show and the folks at Titan watching were pretty shocked by the nature of the interviews since it was a total white vs. black deal.

The total advertising expenses for the three shows this week were \$39 for Knoxville, \$0 for Johnson City and \$75 for Lenoir, as compared to WWF and WCW which spend thousands and even tens of thousands for their major house shows.

JANUARY 9, 1995

They taped television through 2/11 at the tapings on 1/2 in Sevierville, TN. The show that airs 1/14 opens with Cactus Jack and Boo Bradley together at a mental hospital showing Bradley getting a clean bill of health. They do an interview from after the Christmas night show from the dressing room after Jim Cornette had been beaten up by The Gangstas & D.Lo Brown calling up the Heavenly Bodies. Cornette then did a live

interview walking with a cane saying he wanted to bring the Bodies back for a match with The Gangstas and the Gangstas jumped him and kicked away his cane and started pounding on him until Bob & Steve Armstrong came out with baseball bats. Bob explained that when the police come to stop a crime, they don't ask if the victim was a jerk before jumping in to stop it. Bob then granted the Bodies reinstatement into SMW for the 1/28 match in Knoxville. Jerry Lawler did another taped interview running down East Tennessee saying how everyone from Memphis laughs about how dumb everyone is in East Tennessee but are also embarrassed to be from the same state as them. Chris Candido did an interview saying how happy he was to smash Bradley's cat and they brought up that Tammy Fyfch had been suspended for what happened to the cat. Eddie Gilbert then showed up unannounced doing a paranoia gimmick with Jim Ross asking what he's doing there because he doesn't even work for SMW. Gilbert ended up being mad because at the Night of the Legends they honored everyone but Tommy Gilbert and how then even honored Paul Morton. It wound up with Ricky Morton coming out and the two had a match which Gilbert won with his feet on the ropes which he calls the new Thesz press. Gilbert then said he had a mystery partner and wanted a tag match next week with the Roll & Rolls.

On 1/21 they announced Buddy Landel had received a timekeepers license through his agent Robert Q. Harmon and he'd be the timekeeper for the 1/28 Dirty White Boy vs. Lawler title match. They had another video with Jack & Bradley as a spoof of the Hulk Hogan-Dave Sullivan angle. Jack gave Bradley his lucky tights which he wore when Vader tore his ear off and when he lost his teeth and said he hoped it would give Bradley similar luck. Bradley then came out wearing his boxers over the tights for his match with Candido. After a ref bump a bag lady came out and sprayed Bradley and Candido got the pin. Ref Mark Curtis revived and pulled the wig off the bag lady revealing Fyfch and reversed the decision. After the match Candido pulled out a can of dog food (really it was beef stew) and poured it all over Bradley including down his mouth. Cornette then did a heavy racial interview on tape which was the interview talked about last week that he did with the Bodies from the WWF. Jim Ross even apologized for the interview beforehand. Gangstas then confronted Bob Armstrong about letting the Bodies in and favoring the whites and Armstrong went nuts and called them assholes and the Gangstas claimed they'd take care of Armstrong. Steve Armstrong was then scheduled for a singles match with Nu Jack. Nu Jack came out with Mustafa and Brown which brought out Cornette with an injunction saying they couldn't be at ringside, however they beat up Cornette and then went after Steve and "injured" his knee with the billy club before the match even started. Bob ran in with a baseball bat to break it up. Rock & Rolls wrestled Gilbert & Unabom (Glen Jacobs/Doomsday from Puerto Rico) ending when Gibson was thrown over the top rope for a DQ. Unabom & Gilbert are doing a Shawn Michaels/Diesel gimmick and Unabom not selling anything for Morton.

The 1/28 show saw Bob Armstrong open announcing on 2/25 they'd have a card called "Brawl at the Hall" in Johnson City and that Sunday Bloody Sunday II would be on 2/26 in Knoxville. They showed a tape after the previous week's Nu Jack-Steve Armstrong match with ice on Steve's knee. They are saying Steve's knee is out and he's injured. Actually Steve is injured but it's fluid in his back suffered while wrestling at the tag team tournament in Japan. Bob Armstrong said since Cornette came out to help that he would grant Cornette one favor, but only one and told Cornette to choose it wisely. Scott Armstrong & Tracy Smothers announced they were forming a

tag team of the New Southern Boys to feud with Gangstas (I'm guessing the normal house shows will feature Southern Boys vs. Gangstas, Rock & Rolls vs. Gilbert & Unabom). Candido does an interview talking about upcoming matches with Bradley where the loser has to eat dog food which I presume will finish Candido off here before heading to WWF. Landel has a TV title defense against White Boy winning by using Brass Knux which no doubt sets up SMW title defenses by White Boy at the house shows. They finish the show with a SMW Rumble Royal where Unabom does the total Diesel gimmick destroying one jobber after another. Finally Morton, who drew the second to last name, comes in and can't hurt him with anything he does until he finally kicks him low. As Morton pounded on Unabom, the last wrestler, Gilbert, came in and threw powder in Morton's eyes. Gilbert and Unabom then split the winnings.

The 2/4 television show will be entirely composed of the 1/28 Super Saturday Night Fever show and apparently there will be several angles coming out of the show.

On the 2/11 show they announce that on 2/25 the Gangstas & Brown face Smothers & Scott & Bob Armstrong while on 2/26 they face Bodies & Cornette. Gangstas attacked Bob with the billy club to the knee after Armstrong levied a fine against them which set up the Johnson City six-man. Cornette asked Bob for a special referee on 2/26 as his one favor but they never say who it will be. During a Bradley squash, the bag lady and Candido come out. Bag lady goes to spray Bradley who ducks and Candido gets it. Tammy runs away and Bradley dumps dog food all over Candido. Final match was Gibson vs. Unabom ending with the Bubba Rogers spot of Morton running out with a chair and cracking it over Unabom's head but he doesn't sell the blow.

Continuing controversy about two recent angles. The angle where the cat gets killed will air on television this coming week. In addition, Cornette continues to do the racial remarks at the Gangstas as a babyface at the house shows. In the former, Joe Pedicino, who does wrap-arounds on the Atlanta station that airs SMW made some kind of a remark suggesting the bag may not really have a cat in it which got Cornette upset. Apparently at the last show in Marietta over Thanksgiving, Cornette had told Pedicino what he was planning for Christmas and Pedicino, whose station that he does the wrestling block for is run by a Christian organization, got worried, particularly since the station already has expressed concern over other angles on the show (in particular when Buddy Landel said he felt like God almighty when he put the plastic bag over White Boy's head). On that angle, as far as I'm concerned, since there was no real cat in the bag so it's no different than the angle Jake Roberts and Earthquake did in WWF a few years ago. However, if they lose even one television station over the angle, then it is hardly worth it, but they shouldn't have that problem. I was told that the general feeling in Knoxville when the angle was done live is that most people didn't really believe a cat was in the bag anyway. As far as the racial remarks go, in Erlanger, KY on 12/29 there were a few blacks in the crowd when he made them and I can just imagine how they felt when a main event babyface is making those remarks.

On the weekend TV show, when Jim Ross was talking about the NWA tournament that Candido won he said that every reputable organization in the world sent a representative calling Lawler the WWF rep, Eddie Gilbert the USWA rep, Lou Perez the Florida rep, Devon Storm the Eastern rep and Osamu Nishimura as the New Japan rep.

JANUARY 16, 1995

Two house shows over the weekend which were largely eventful, drawing 225 in White, GA and 375 in Barbourville, KY. Although the latter figure is considerably lower than the usual crowd in that city, considering they had a freezing rain storm the day of the show, everyone was more than happy with it.

The angle where Chris Candido killed the cat aired on television this weekend. Their station in Atlanta edited the angle off the show.

Jerry Lawler did an interview taped from what he claimed was the Knoxville dressing room with a drunk he claimed was Dirty White Boy saying he wanted to fight him there but he was too drunk. They first announced Candido & Tammy Fyfch were suspended for killing the cat. Then they aired Cactus Jack and Boo Bradley at the cat's funeral with Jack telling Bradley how he'd later see the cat again in heaven. Jack said that they wanted Candido unsuspended so Bradley could get revenge which Bob Armstrong did. The Barbourville show on 1/7 may have been Tammy Fyfch's last with the promotion. Fyfch was still going to work house shows for at least a little while but they had a problem over her involvement in the Candido-Bradley finish that night (not having to do with who would do the job at the end because it was Bradley who was going down due to outside distraction either way) and it wasn't resolved and as of the last word we'd heard. The situation was that after getting kicked out of ringside early, she was supposed to do a run-in and distract Bradley who would then lose to Candido, and then spank her after the match to get his heat back. However she didn't want to do the finish as planned because she had just gotten the cast off her hand and didn't want to risk injury so she wanted to do it another way and her and Jim Cornette didn't come to an agreement as to what. She went to the ring for the match but didn't do the run-in at the end.

Rock & Roll Express did an interview praising Jim Cornette for helping them win the tag title and not turning on them. They said he was a big man for taking such a beating. Cornette then did an interview saying he originally had an ulterior motive when he asked Rock & Roll Express to let him manage them and that as late as the match itself was still considering turning on them. He said after they won the belts, he'd fulfilled his side of the bargain and the reason he jumped in after the Gangstas were beating up Rock & Rolls wasn't because he like the Rock & Rolls but because of his ego and because of how much the fans were cheering for him and he wanted the cheers. He said he needed to get revenge on Gangstas so he called the Heavenly Bodies back.

Expect a new babyface to debut in February but don't know who. It's going to be very hard to draw at the spot show when they headline with New Southern Boys (Scott Armstrong & Tracy Smothers) vs. Gangstas since Armstrong is coming off a run as a TV jobber in WCW. As has been the case, they'll have to be carried by the major shows when the big names like Bodies and Lawler are brought in.

JANUARY 23, 1995

Only major show of the weekend was 1/14 in Johnson City, TN which drew 707 for a Rumble Royal and the typical undercard which overall was a good show.

Tammy Fyfch was back at work this weekend so whatever problems from the previous week were rectified. She's "suspended" on television so when she comes to the ring with Chris Candido, she's immediately ordered back to the dressing room by ref Mark Curtis (Brian Hildebrand). She ends up dressed up like a bag lady and coming out later in the match which allows Candido to gain the advantage on Boo Bradley who he pinned with a hot looking Frankensteiner off the top rope.

There was virtually no controversy in regard to the killing of the cat angle that aired on television on 1/7. The entire wrestling block on WTLK, the religious station that has had qualms over several recent angles, was pulled so SMW is for now out of the Atlanta market and on the final show they didn't air the angle. Jim Cornette believes even though the angle caused virtually no controversy aside from two complaining phone calls from fans, he thinks a lot of the fans live thought the cat was really in the bag.

Cornette was also upset with heat he's gotten for his line at the house shows where he told New Jack, "If you came to flap your lips, you'll kill half of this building," saying it came after New Jack had insulted the audience and got a huge pop in Barbourville, Johnson City and Lenoir although didn't get the same kind of pop in Erlanger, KY (near Cincinnati) blaming it on being a Northern city out of their usual territory. He said that nobody he knows of has been upset about it and that there weren't any blacks even at the show in Johnson City and that you'll hear a lot worse in prime time on the FOX network. He didn't think one funny line in the middle of a show should have been such a big deal overall. "To me, the babyface needs to say what everyone in the building wants to say and I just said it. It got a big pop every night. I don't see one line (out of an entire night of wrestling) being that big a deal." I heard the interview for the 1/21 show that Cornette and the Heavenly Bodies filmed at a WWF taping which shocked the folks at WWF that SMW would air it. The interview wasn't the least bit controversial and was a very strong interview. The reason it was even an issue is the WWF is so paranoid about getting anyone mad these days because of all the company's problems over the past three years that they've made all their interviews so vanilla that they are almost useless when it comes to actually selling tickets.

If Jerry Lawler beats Dirty White Boy on 1/28 for the SMW title, does that make William Shatner the No. 1 contender for the title?

Lawler will be back for the big shows in late February, and The Gangstas are doing to work two matches both in Johnson City 2/25 and in Knoxville 2/26. In Johnson City they'll have Gangstas & D.Lo Brown vs. New Southern Boys (Tracy Smothers & Scott Armstrong) & Bob Armstrong and Gangstas vs. Heavenly Bodies street fight. In Knoxville it'll be Cornette & Bodies vs. Gangstas & Brown and Gangstas defending tag title against Southern Boys.

For those wanting to make early plans, Fan Week will be 8/4 to 8/12.

JANUARY 30, 1995

Nu Jack, the lead heel of the Gangstas tag team in Smoky Mountain Wrestling, was arrested on 1/21 after a show in Morristown, TN during a post-match fracas involving a 14-year-old and two police officers.

Nu Jack, 32, now living in Morristown, real name Jerome Young, allegedly struck a heckling 14-year-old fan on the side of the head after doing a messed up run-in during a show at the Talley Ward Recreation Center. When two officers got involved in the situation, he allegedly shoved and cursed at them. He was arrested on two counts of assault on an officer, one count of disorderly conduct and one count of assault on a minor. After spending several hours in prison that evening, he was released on bond.

Jim Cornette, who runs the company, had to leave Morristown immediately after the show to appear at the Royal Rumble the next day, and couldn't be reached for comment on the incident. It is believed Nu Jack will appear for all his dates starting this weekend which include a major show on 1/28 in Knoxville.

The incident followed a messed-up run-in and angle that took place on the card. The planned finish was that Tracy Smothers would win a Rumble Royal, the final event of the card, by eliminating all three Gangstas. After the match the Gangstas were to attack Smothers, who would be saved by a surprise run-in by Scott Armstrong who didn't appear earlier in the show. During the melee, the Gangstas would use the billy club to Scott's knee similarly to what already happened with Jim Cornette and what has been taped but was to air in a few weeks involving Bob Armstrong.

The run-in was screwed up when D.Lo Brown hit Smothers, instead of Armstrong with the blackjack which was to set up them working on the knee. All three go after Armstrong but for whatever reason work on his shoulder rather than his knee despite Smothers, Armstrong and referee Brian Hildebrand all screaming to work on the knee, with Armstrong screaming loud enough to be heard in the front row. It is not known if the angle will air on television as is, or if it'll have to be re-taped or not be done at all.

The incident is compounded because of the apparent leaving of the promotion without any word by Eddie Gilbert, who is the new booker in Puerto Rico. Gilbert had filmed four weeks of television which included two shows that would air after a planned 1/28 angle where Gilbert was to throw fire at Ricky Morton's face and Morton was already taped on television with bandages on his face, however SMW isn't expecting Gilbert to make that or any other date although Gilbert had yet to contact Cornette. No word on who will be Gilbert's substitute on the 1/28 show or how the television will be handled. One source who contacted Gilbert's father said that he is expecting Gilbert to appear for the Knoxville card.

Aside from the incident involving Nu Jack, it was a pretty typical week running two house shows.

Heavenly Bodies will be working a surprise date on 1/27 in Cookville, TN as a tune-up against Gangstas.

This group will be getting on television in Roanoke shortly.

FEBRUARY 6, 1995

Jim Cornette's "Super Saturday Night Fever" drew 2,000 fans and \$16,000 to the Knoxville City Coliseum on 1/28. After D.Lo Brown beat Brian Logan in the opener, Chris Candido came out with Dennis Coraluzzo, Tammy Fyfch and a guy named Guido for his match with Boo Bradley. They came out with an injunction stating Bradley was insane and the match should be

canceled. Ref Mark Curtis (Brian Hildebrand) then said that he was both an SMW and NWA sanctioned referee and since Fyfch was suspended, if all three didn't leave ringside that he would strip Candido of the NWA title and give it to Bradley, which is a really scary thought. Fyfch came back out dressed like a bag lady and threw Candido a gimmick, but Bradley got it away from him and used it for the pin. The next match was scheduled as a tag title match with Rock & Roll Express defending against Unabom (Glen Jacobs) & Eddie Gilbert. Reportedly during the week Gilbert left a message on Cornette's answering machine saying that if Cornette wanted him to be there for the show he'd be there because he didn't want to burn another bridge. When Cornette called the Puerto Rican number he had left, it was disconnected. Cornette called Gilbert's parents and got the message that they wanted him there but Gilbert never actually called and there was a lot of backstage betting on whether or not he'd be there. He wasn't, and Unabom got on the house mic and said he didn't know where he was and didn't care and wanted to face both in a handicap match. They ended up doing a Morton vs. Unabom match ending with Unabom throwing him over the top for a DQ. In a match to determine the No. 1 contender for the SMW title, Buddy Landel pinned Tracy Smothers in what was said to have been Landel's best match since returning. Landel pulled out Knux, but Smothers got them and the ref caught Smothers with them. As the two were arguing, Landel pulled out a chin and hit Smothers with it for the pin. Jerry Lawler then won the SMW title from Dirty White Boy in a match with Landel as timekeeper. Lawler did a Don Rickles routine insulting fans and getting great heat but there was no wrestling at all in the match. At one point Lawler pointed to a fat woman in the crowd and asked if that was the Dirty White Girl and Landel grabbed the mic from ringside and said that the White Girl was in the back of the building with The Gangstas. Anyway, at about 13:00 in, White Boy hit the Bucksnot blaster and went for the pin but Landel rang the bell at two, claiming the 60:00 time limit had expired (they were doing 5:00 calls which made this even funnier). The ref finally threw Landel out of there but Landel started arguing and there was a ref bump, Landel gave White Boy a piledriver and put Lawler on top, left the ring and the ref got up and counted the three. Landel then demanded his Lights Out match with White Boy to begin at that moment. Landel kept beating on White Boy, but White Boy scored a schoolboy pin out of nowhere. Heavenly Bodies vs. Gangstas was a \*\*\*\*1/4 brawl with heavy juice, tons of foreign objects, brawling all over the building, in the back involving D.Lo Brown and Cornette (all taped for television that will air this coming weekend), through the dressing room, across the street dodging traffic and into the Hyatt Hotel parking lot. Main was a Rumble Royal won by Morton, and after the match Unabom used sandpaper to mess up Morton's face (since Morton appears on television the next two weeks with his face bandaged which was originally supposed to be from a Gilbert fireball).

2/25 in Johnson City, TN for "Brawl in the Hall" has Landel vs. TBA, Candido vs. Bradley in a loser eats dog food match, Smothers & Scott Armstrong & Bob Armstrong vs. Gangstas & D.Lo Brown, Rock & Roll defending against Unabom & TBA, Lawler defends against White Boy and Bodies vs. Gangstas in a street fight.

2/26 in Knoxville for "Sunday Bloody Sunday II" has The Nightmare vs. TBA, Rock & Rolls defending against Unabom & TBA, Candido vs. Bradley in a dog collar chain match which I believe is Candido's last night in, Gangstas vs. Smothers & Scott Armstrong, Lawler defends vs. White Boy, winner of Lawler-White Boy then defends against Landel, and Bodies &

Cornette vs. Brown & Gangstas with Bob Armstrong as special referee.

TBAs are guys Cornette is looking for to fill the spots and he needs to find them before 2/6 when he does his next television tapings, one will be a pushed babyface and the other the heel tag team partner of Unabom. He's talking with Al Snow about one of the spots but no deal was done at press time.

They did cut new promos for spot shows talking about Gilbert as Unabom's partner even though he won't be there. Cornette's belief is that they can't say Gilbert is gone for two weeks because he's still on television for the next two weeks. On the first show of the new taping they'll announce he was suspended for something or other. They'll be doing Morton vs. Unabom at the house shows instead of the tags. We have the same difference of opinion on this in that I think they should just advertise singles matches at the spot show instead of a tag title match but Cornette is advertising based on the angles as they appear on television which is a tag team title match even though Gilbert won't be there and they'll be doing singles bouts instead. Cornette believes New Jack's arrest last weekend is nothing to worry about and was joking about when New Jack was taken in and an officer shot a photo of him that New Jack thought was his mug shot, the officer then asked him to autograph the picture. A lot of the initial incident was captured by the SMW cameras that were filming the aborted angle where Scott Armstrong was supposed to get his knee "injured." Supposedly the cameras show the fan shoving New Jack first, New Jack shoved back and a younger police officer who had never been to wrestling before interceded and they shoved each other which led to the arrest.

Bodies did put over Gangstas on 1/27 in Cookville, TN in a surprise match before 263 fans.

FEBRUARY 13, 1995

Most of the news stems from the television tapings on 2/6 in Lenior, NC which saw the two open spots filled by Billy Black and Al Snow. Black debuted and quickly won the TV title from Boo Bradley. The title was vacant after Buddy Landel retained it for five straight weeks and Bradley beat The Wolfman in the first hour of tapings. In the third hour of tapings, Black beat Bradley when Black missed a moonsault and feigned a knee injury. Bradley told the ref to stop the match and when his back was turned, Black got on the middle rope and came down with a bulldog headlock for the pin to set up a feud between the two of them since Chris Candido will be leaving after the 2/26 show. Snow is taking Eddie Gilbert's spot as the tag team partner of Unabom (Glen Jacobs) for their feud with the Rock & Roll Express over the SMW tag team titles.

The first show (air date 2/18) opened with Rock & Roll doing an interview saying that Gilbert had been fired by SMW for refusing to pay a fine, roughing up Ron West (front office employee) and tearing up the SMW offices which is all a pretty mean trick when he's been nowhere near town since his one and only appearance. During the match where Bradley won the TV title, Candido was doing color and made a remark that if he couldn't beat Bradley, he might as well not even stay in SMW. Jim Ross continued to goad him about the remark and finally shamed him into accepting loser leaves town stipulations in the match in Knoxville on 2/26.

Jerry Lawler is doing spots on television giving hygiene tips which is basically the same way they introduced Tammy Fyatch about a year-and-a-half ago.

They redid the two famous Rick Steamboat-Ric Flair suit ripping angles with Buddy Landel and Dirty White Boy. Landel did an interview talking about how he's beaten White Boy and Tracy Smothers showing clips of him getting his hand raised, when Ross interrupted him and mentioned he used Brass Knux to beat White Boy and a chain to beat Smothers. Then Landel made a crack about Dirty White Girl and White Boy came out and tore Landel's sports jacket, shirt and pants off and left him in his tie, his underwear and his socks in mid-ring.

Snow debuted and he and Unabom are being called The Dynamic Duo. Snow actually beat George South twice. Apparently Snow hadn't worked a television squash match in years (and in those days, it was he that was the one getting squashed) so he spent so much time trying to get over his cocky heel attitude that by the time he started wrestling, he had to go home. So he live challenged South for a rematch and offered him \$100 to come out, South agreed, and they did a match with hot moves that will be spliced into the first match when it airs on television.

Jim Cornette did an interview asking Bob Armstrong to be the special ref for the Gangstas & D.Lo Brown vs. Heavenly Bodies & Cornette match on 2/26 in Knoxville as his one favor and Armstrong agreed to do it. As Cornette & Armstrong were out, Gangstas & Brown came out and surrounded them and were about to jump them when Smothers & Scott Armstrong came out. After Smothers & Scott won a squash, all three Gangstas jumped them when Cornette & Bob made the save and at the end Cornette & Bob shook hands.

On the second hour, Black debuted doing a Georgia hick heel gimmick somewhat similar to Skinner, looking tremendous doing an elbow off the top said to put Randy Savage in his prime to shame.

In the Dynamic Duo tag matches, Snow sits at the desk and does color while Unabom destroys both jobbers by himself. After the match Rock & Rolls came out and challenged them to a title match right there. The match saw Snow post Morton who juiced and they sold it like he'd been knocked silly as he wandered around ringside and Gibson worked it 1-on-2 until Morton ran in and cleaned house with a chair getting R&R's DQ'd.

Third hour, which airs the weekend after the 2/26 Knoxville so is the beginning of new programs, saw White Boy do an interview talking about the "March Madness" tour which is just a series of regular shows which he'll headline in cage matches against Landel using a local media personality in each town as the keeper of the key.

They announced the next major show as Bluegrass Brawl III on 4/6 in Pikeville, KY.

Television main was Gangstas vs. Scott & Tracy with Cornette as their manager. Smothers juiced. Finish saw Scott have Nu Jack up for a bodyslam when D.Lo Brown hit Scott in the knee with the night stick and Nu Jack fell on him for the pin. While the pin was going on, Cornette hit Brown with the tennis racquet. The Gangstas & Brown, with Scott selling his knee, started beating on Smothers & Cornette when Bob Armstrong

hit the ring and finally they went three-on-one on Bob before burying him under a black flag before Cornette recovered enough to throw his racquet to Smothers who made the save.

Final show, which doesn't air until 3/11, saw another Dynamic Duo squash with Snow spending the entire match doing color. After Unabom used the power bomb finisher, Snow ran to the ring and asked to be tagged in and scored the pin himself. During an interview on one of the shows, Snow did get in his line to Jim Ross about he and Unabom leaving to go back to the dressing room to have sex. Cornette did an interview saying that at Bluegrass Brawl III he wants to manage Bob Armstrong & Smothers vs. Gangstas & D.Lo Brown and says he wants to pick their third member of the team.

At the house shows this past week, the first Scott & Smothers vs. Gangstas matches didn't take place since Scott gave word he was going to work for WCW at Disney instead, although he didn't since Brad Armstrong's partner in the glorified jobber role at Disney was instead Tim Horner. Robert Gibson subbed the first two nights while in Barbourville, KY on 2/4, Bob subbed. Barbourville, which usually draws in the 550-650 range, was down to 275 largely blamed on bad weather.

Both SMW and USWA will start on WYLS in Chicago this week.

FEBRUARY 20, 1995

Only two house shows this past week on 2/10 in Lake City, TN and 2/11 in Morristown, TN using Gangstas vs. Scott Armstrong & Tracy Smothers as the New Southern Boys managed by Jim Cornette in the headline spot drawing 200 and 450 respectively.

Al Snow starts on the road on 2/23.

Even though the Gangstas did an interview talking about how they aren't like Junkyard Dog & Too Cold Scorpio that wasn't a hint that either of the two are going to come in and feud with them as there are no plans whatsoever of that.

Latest Cornette controversy involves Pro Wrestling Torch columnist Bruce Mitchell. Back in August, Mitchell wrote a both biting and satirical column basically critical of Cornette's Gangstas gimmick which Cornette was up in arms about for numerous reasons, one of which was because his girlfriend's name was mentioned in the column. This resulted in a series of threatening phone calls to both Mitchell and editor Wade Keller saying what he'd do if he ever saw either of them. Some months later as is well-known, Cornette took a baseball bat to the windows of the car of former employee K.C. O'Connor, who is Mitchell's long-time friend over a different reason, largely because O'Connor wouldn't return Cornette's personal video camera claiming SMW owed his expense money when he previously worked there. Anyway, on 2/6 when SMW did television in Lenoir, NC, both Mitchell and O'Connor (who Cornette settled out of court with and O'Connor then dropped vandalism charges against him) attended. Cornette didn't realize it during the show as nobody told him figuring doing television is stressful enough with adding anything to it. Cornette found out after the show which resulted in yet another threatening phone call to Mitchell telling him never to come back to his shows or he'd fight him right then and there. I'm still pretty sure the most damaging thing to Cornette isn't anything ever written about him but every time he appears on WWF

television managing Mantaur, particularly right now because it creates confusion in his own territory when he's managing the babyfaces here and the heels there.

In the angle where the Gangstas buried Bob Armstrong under a flag at the 2/6 tapings, it was a flag with an "X" (as in Malcolm X) on it.

Expect Bobby Blaze to return with a new gimmick at the next television.

MARCH 6, 1995

Dan Severn is going to be brought in on 2/24 in Erlanger, KY for the NWA title match with Chris Candido. They need to get the belt off Candido before he starts on the road with WWF the first weekend of March and it looks like this was the best opportunity.

Two house shows over the past week with no real news other than on 2/18 in Princeton, WV, Boo Bradley wrestled a masked man called Mr. Wrestling '95 from Center Stage, Georgia.

Even though Scott Armstrong didn't work at the last Disney tapings (he was replaced as Brad's partner by Tim Horner), he was in Orlando and paid \$150 per night which is why he missed SMW dates that weekend.

MARCH 7, 1995

A lot of news and one excellent house show, but from a business standpoint, this had to be a disappointing weekend. The Dan Severn-Chris Candido title change took place 2/24 in Erlanger, KY. The match wasn't advertised. They introduced Severn, who got a surprisingly big pop, as a celebrity in attendance. He taunted Candido with a can of dog food during the Candido vs. Boo Bradley match. When Candido pulled out a foreign object, Severn stopped him from using them and Bradley schoolboyed him for the win. After the match Candido challenged Severn to a match for his NWA title immediately. Severn said he didn't have his wrestling gear but would try and get some. They did a match later in the show and Candido got heavy praise for being able to lead Severn through a match that was \*3/4 to \*\*1/2 depending upon who you talk with. It was mainly done in shootstyle on the mat although Candido did use a Frankensteiner off the top rope for a near fall, and Severn did the armbreaker for the submission. Fans were stunned initially because they've probably never seen a submission finish in a main event out of almost nowhere but a few seconds later it got the biggest pop of the show. There were fans chanting "Gracie, Gracie" during the match.

Bobby Blaze won the SMW title from Jerry Lawler on 2/26 in Memphis. Originally it was to be Lawler defending against Dirty White Boy and the winner defending against Buddy Landel the same night. As White Boy went to the ring, Landel came from behind and KO'd him with a metal camera case. Landel then demanded the title match but Bob Armstrong said that the contract said Landel was to face the winner and he was going to find the first guy in the dressing room dressed and ready and bring him out. Blaze, in his first show back with SMW, having won in the opener, was brought out. Lawler started insulting him as a curtain-jerker (opening match guy) and said he should be in the stands paying to watch the real wrestlers. Lawler dominated the match treating Blaze as a jobber but Landel kept helping Blaze with the storyline idea being that

Landel figured if Blaze were to win, he'd have an easier time winning the title. They did the Alex Wright/Paul Roma finish where Blaze dropkicked Lawler into Landel and schoolboyed Lawler to win the title. Landel then immediately jumped in and began destroying Blaze, bloodying him up. The ref kept wanting to stop the match but Blaze kept telling him he wanted to continue. Finally White Boy, with his head bandaged, tried to run-in but was stopped by Scott Armstrong. When Landel went to use a foreign object, White Boy pulled the object out of his hand, the two argued and Blaze schoolboyed Landel to retain the title. The storylines were good with big pops for the surprise finish but the matches themselves were both said to be around 1/2 and after the dust settled fans were said to have cooled off on the idea. Sunday Bloody Sunday II, the first of which last year set the promotion's then-record with 4,000 fans, only drew about 1,100 and it was an overall disappointing show with nothing above 3/4. With a weaker line-up last month they drew almost twice as many fans. This was blamed on several factors, among them being that WCW has a show in the same building on 3/5 and since they rarely come to Knoxville, some regulars chose to attend WCW instead, and also because Jim Cornette appearing as a heel, particularly on Raw commentary the previous week, on the WWF shows, confused his character with the locals since he's a face here now and he was the key guy in the main event. It's the same deal with Lawler. In most cases in the building they can get those who pay to react, but most fans are left ambivalent and wind up not caring about their local issues because of their dual personalities which in some ways is a business expose although in Cornette's case less than Lawler's because his personality in both shows is similar enough rather than the total 180 degree opposite. A lot of fans were cheering whenever the Gangstas beat him up, and even at the end when they built up the Bob Armstrong-Cornette handshake, it didn't really get the expected pop. Main saw Cornette & Heavenly Bodies over Gangstas & D.Lo Brown due to help from special ref Bob Armstrong. Gangstas beat up Armstrong after the match including putting his neck in a noose before Cornette & Bodies made the save and they did the handshake. Bradley beat Candido in a loser leaves town dog collar match which wasn't nearly as good as most of their matches because the dog collar was a hindrance to working. Also Rock & Roll Express kept the tag titles beating Al Snow & Unabom via DQ. This was a bad match going 24:39 because Snow stalled for the first 13:00. Snow's gimmick is playing a chicken heel hiding behind Unabom and he's joked that all the running away is actually more tiring than normally wrestling.

"Brawl in the Hall" on 2/25 in Johnson City drew about 1,200, which isn't much above normal and this was pushed as a major show so it has to be a disappointment in that regard although not on the level of Knoxville. However, this was said to have been an SMW's best house in a while with every match on the card strong except the Lawler-White Boy match which was average. Rock & Rolls match with Snow & Unabom was much better because Snow and Morton worked most of the way and did a lot of Lucha Libre style which the fans had never seen before. Bodies beat Gangstas in a street fight that was \*\*\*\* with Cornette coming off the apron at one point with an elbow onto a table, and at another point Nu Jack coming off the top rope with a head-butt to a table on the floor. They used all the regular weapons plus a fire extinguisher.

Next major show will be the Bluegrass Brawl in Pikeville, KY in early April with Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers & Undertaker vs. Gangstas & D.Lo Brown. Gimmick will be that Cornette is picking Armstrong & Smothers' partner and it'll be revealed as Undertaker.

MARCH 13, 1995

Scott Armstrong and Billy Black are now gone. Armstrong missed the weekend and wasn't scheduled for television so I guess his program as part of the New Southern Boys tag team was being phased out anyway. At the house shows this week, Boo Bradley took Armstrong's spot teaming with Tracy Smothers against the Gangstas on two nights while on the other, Smothers wrestled Mustafa Saed in a singles match main event. Black, who held the TV title, worked his second shot with the group on 3/2, then went back home to Georgia saying he didn't like snow. At the tapings on 3/5 in Council, VA, Killer Kyle was brought back basically to take Black's spot in a program with Boo Bradley and also wound up as TV champ.

The first hour of television (air date 3/18) saw Dirty White Boy talk about a series of cage matches at house shows with Buddy Landel. Jim Cornette & Smothers came out for an interview saying Bob Armstrong wasn't there because he was taking care of SMW business (actually his car broke down and he missed the tapings). Cornette asked to manage Smothers & Bob at the Bluegrass Brawl (4/7 in Pikeville, KY). Smothers said he and Bob have never had a manager and have no reason to have one, and then said that he doesn't like Cornette and neither does Bob and that the only reason Bob was nice to him was because he owed him a favor. Cornette said he'd already agreed to a six-man tag against The Gangstas where the losing team would have to salute the winners flag (Rebel flag vs. Malcolm X flag--check out the symbolism in that as a white racist angle). Smothers than got mad at Cornette for agreeing to the stip without checking with him and Bob first and for not telling him who their partner would be. Cornette said their partner would be The Undertaker who is coming in with Paul Bearer. Smothers said if Cornette can deliver Undertaker, then he's got no problem agreeing to the match.

Bobby Blaze did an interview and Buddy Landel came out and offered him \$500 to give him the SMW belt and that way he wouldn't embarrass him. Blaze talked about his first son being born last week (a shoot) and then Landel said with the \$500 he could hire an investigator to find out who the real father is. Blaze got mad but when he started taking off his shirt, Landel got the jump on him until White Boy made the save.

The Gangstas came out acting afraid of Undertaker but had a surprise of their own, bringing out Kyle as the newest member of the team. Kyle said that both Bob Armstrong and Cornette wouldn't let him wrestle and that Cornette always treated him badly.

Al Snow & Unabom did an interview talking about elimination tags against Rock & Roll Express.

TV title was scheduled as Bradley challenging Black. Gangstas & Kyle came out and said that Black was in the shower and he tripped on his tobacco juice and had a bad fall and put Kyle in his place. As Bradley was on the top, Nu Jack pushed him off for the DQ and the Gangstas all beat up Bradley after the match. Because of the DQ finish, the title was held up pending a rematch.

For 3/25, White Boy did an interview announcing a chain match with Landel at Bluegrass Brawl. White Boy said he's rubbed his chain in horse manure so when it opens up Landel's head, he'll get infections everywhere. In the TV title rematch, Kyle won the title beating Bradley when D.Lo Brown gives him

a slapjack and all four Gangstas beat up Bradley afterwards and bury him under the Malcolm X flag.

Snow & Unabom did a Rock & Roll Express imitation with Snow wearing a blond wig and Unabom a black wig which was hilarious since Unabom did a great Robert Gibson imitation (mumbling and basically acting spaced out). They talked about having a Coal Miners glove match at Bluegrass Brawl.

Blaze did an interview talking about having won Landel's Mercedes (this is at an upcoming house show). Landel came out and complained about losing his car and said he wanted to put up his Rolex against a shot at the title which Blaze agreed to. Landel destroyed Blaze the entire match until a ref bump. While the ref was out, Blaze hit the Northern Light suplex on Landel and White Boy ran in and counted the fall, and got the Rolex and gave it to Blaze.

For 4/1, during a White Boy interview, the jobber known as Wolfman came out and asked White Boy to be his trainer but White Boy said he's got too many things going on and declined and Wolfman walked off sad. They announced "Fight Night" on 4/8 in Johnson City with Undertaker & Bob Armstrong & Smothers vs. Gangstas & D.Lo Brown in an I Quit match on top plus White Boy vs. Landel in a match where a local policeman will be special ref and if Landel breaks any rules during the match, he's going to be hauled off to jail. TV main was Smothers vs. Nu Jack. Cornette was in the corner but with the odds 3-on-2, he went back and brought out Bradley. Smothers was taking care of Jack, while Cornette was using the racquet on Brown and Bradley was beating on Mustafa when Kyle came out and posted Bradley who juiced. Mustafa then gave Smothers a powerslam during a ref bump and Nu Jack got the pin with a diving head-butt. The heels destroyed the faces. They were about to splash Smothers off the top but Bradley jumped on Smothers to protect him to take the blow. With them both laid out, they destroyed Cornette and buried him under the Malcolm X flag.

On 4/8 show, Wolfman asked Landel to teach him and Landel agreed and told him to bend over and touch his toes. As he bent over, Landel kicked him in the face. Ricky Morton and Snow had a hot match with Gibson and Unabom at ringside, ending when Morton used the Coal Miners glove to score a pin and the four did a post-match brawl after an interview.

MARCH 20, 1995

Bob Armstrong missed the entire weekend where he was scheduled to team with Tracy Smothers against The Gangstas. Boo Bradley wound up working twice and subbing in the tag matches. Bob had also missed television on 3/6 but it was known in advance because of a car breakdown.

There has been a lot of talk of late about the future of this group. It's not a secret that they've been surviving almost on a hand-to-mouth basis and that the big shows in Knoxville and Johnson City carry the promotion because the spot shows haven't been drawing well generally. When Knoxville and Johnson City didn't come through at the end of February, the talk started again. A lot of wrestlers have left of late for various reasons and the crew overall is the weakest in a long time, but if Bob Armstrong were to be gone, it would be a tremendous demoralizing blow. They should do well with The Undertaker during the first week of April, but that angle where the object is to get the blacks to salute the confederate flag takes things to a new low even by wrestling standards.

MARCH 27, 1995

Bob Armstrong worked the weekend shows in Johnson City and Knoxville after missing about five dates in a row due to transportation problems. Crowd were down with Johnson City on 3/18 at about 550 and Knoxville on 3/19 down to 400. Buddy Landel was the focal point of both shows, losing via DQ in title matches with SMW champ Bobby Blaze underneath, and then losing cage matches on top to Dirty White Boy. In Knoxville, the title match also had Landel's Mercedes at stake. Landel had Blaze caught in the figure four when White Boy came into the ring and "attacked" Blaze leaving the ref with no choice but to DQ Landel for outside interference and thus losing his car. Ron Wright was brought into Knoxville as the keeper of the key in the cage match while in Johnson City they are doing an angle with local police officer Kim Birchfield, who I believe is actually a friend of Landel's although the angle is that the two used to be friends but no longer are, who guarded the door, and then ran in to count the pin after original ref Mark Curtis was knocked down.

Undertaker did perhaps the longest interview of his career on the television this weekend.

APRIL 10, 1995

Jim Cornette and The Gangstas are taping a segment of Jerry Springer on 4/10. Don't know air date.

APRIL 17, 1995

The Undertaker's value as a drawing card for Titan Sports may have taken a major nosedive over the past year-plus, but he revitalized both the cash registers and the morale in Smoky Mountain Wrestling over the weekend.

The struggling SMW group turned away several hundred fans drawing a sellout 2,000 for its "Bluegrass Brawl" on 4/7 in Pikeville, KY, largely for the appearance of Undertaker and Paul Bearer, teaming with Tracy Smothers & Bob Armstrong to beat The Gangstas & D.Lo Brown. Armstrong actually didn't participate in this match because he was jumped with a blackjack before the bell and they did a 2-on-3 match because Armstrong was ill. After Undertaker pinned Brown, which caused the Gangstas to have to salute the rebel flag, Undertaker brawled to the back with Killer Kyle. At this point the three Gangstas beat up on Smothers and Jim Cornette until Armstrong made the save. However they beat on Armstrong as well, holding him down and spray painted an "X" on his chest.

The next night in Johnson City before approximately 1,800 fans for "Fright Night" saw an "I Quit match" with the same six ending when Armstrong made Nu Jack submit over the house mic. Reportedly Undertaker got the largest pop anyone ever had in Johnson City since SMW started running shows there.

Smoky Mountain also changed both its singles and tag team titles over the weekend. Al Snow & Unabom won the tag titles on 4/7 in Pikeville from the Rock & Roll Express in a Coal Miners glove match. While Snow and Robert Gibson were brawling on the floor, Morton climbed up Unabom's back and grabbed the glove. At this point Snow clocked Gibson with a chair. Morton then came off the top rope with a punch to Snow which knocked him "out on his feet." Snow fell toward the ropes, then collapsed on top of a stunned Gibson and Unabom

tackled Morton before he could make the save. The singles belt went to Buddy Landel in Johnson City in a match where champ Bobby Blaze juiced and was being pounded on in the corner and ref Mark Curtis stopped the match.

The Jerry Springer show which was going to be taped on 4/10 where Jim Cornette and The Gangstas were scheduled to be guests to discuss the Gangstas angle was scrapped. Not sure why but it's probably in everyone's best interest because it was a no-win situation.

They did a major angle "injuring" Ricky Morton on 3/8 in Johnson City in his match with Unabom. Morton got the glove by climbing up Unabom's back. After a ref bump, Morton came off the top with a punch but no ref to count the fall. Al Snow did a run-in and hit Morton with a chair and gave him two piledrivers, then a third piledriver on a chair, put the glove on Unabom and pulled ref Mark Curtis in the ring to make the count. Gibson came running down for a save but Snow hit him with a plancha. They sold Morton's injury big, backing an ambulance into the building and putting him in a neck brace and having his girlfriend come into the ring and lots of people in the crowd were crying.

TV taping takes place 4/13.

APRIL 24, 1995

New Jack is once again in the middle of controversy stemming from a series of incidents on 4/14 in Erlanger, KY. SMW was scheduled to run a house show that night at Peall's Palace, a night club across the river from Cincinnati. After a disastrous show the last time in, the club owners wanted to change the rent deal. SMW was planning on pulling out of the building since the new deal wouldn't have made running economically feasible. However, since they had no other city booked that night, the plan was to go ahead and due to a lack of communication, Jim Cornette thought they were doing the final show under the old deal. When he found out they weren't the night before, he told all the wrestlers at television that he was canceling the show which thrilled several of the babyfaces who didn't like working there anyway because the fans booted faces more than in other SMW cities. An SMW official called the building the next morning to cancel. At that point, because there was a decent advance (whatever that means since only 200 fans showed up), local promoter Bob Harmon and Johnny Diamond decided to put on a show of trainees at Harmon and Les Thatcher's Bonecrusher's wrestling school. They posted signs in front of the building that there would be no SMW show, but instead a "Northern Wrestling Federation" show, a group that is no planning on running regularly in that same building. For whatever reason, D.Lo Brown and New Jack showed up anyway, and when they saw there was a show, talked with the promoter, and got booked on the show and agreed to work the show for free. With the two milling around the crowd before the show it caused fans to believe they were going to see "name" wrestlers and those who showed up bought tickets even with the signs saying SMW wrestlers weren't going to be there. New Jack continued to interact with the fans during the show and heckle the wrestlers, some of whom by all accounts were too inexperienced to even be in the ring. During a tag match, New Jack threw a bar table onto the shoulder of one, and separated his shoulder, although that was perhaps an accident. In the main event, a 10-man elimination tag, New Jack did a run-in and began throwing real punches in several people's face including giving one young wrestler a 12-stitch cut from a punch to the mouth. New Jack later claimed the guy either had

said a racial remark to him or that he had punched one of the guys who didn't sell it and wanted to make sure he would sell the second punch. At this point, a large security guard named Mike McCord (no relation to Austin Idol) realizing something was amiss, tackled New Jack which led to more brawling into the parking lot and New Jack finally taking off before a few police cars showed up to quell the problem.

The deal with the Jerry Springer show was that they wanted to do a show on the Gangstas controversy, but wanted it done as a work treating the wrestling angle as if it were real and have them play racist heel wrestlers and used the SMW babyfaces to argue with them. Most of the babyfaces didn't want to get involved so Jim Cornette agreed to play off them. That was largely nixed because Jim Ross, J.J. Dillon and Vince McMahon didn't like the idea because of how it would play to people in the other 49 states who see Cornette as a WWF personality and wanted to avoid any possibility of negative publicity stemming from it. Anyway, it all fell through at that point.

Terry Funk, PG-13 and Dan Severn are all in for one-shots in May with them running major shows on 5/20 in Knoxville called Volunteer Slam (Terry Funk & Bob Armstrong vs. Gangstas in a Texas death match, PG-13 defending USWA tag titles vs. Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy, Buddy Landel defending SMW title vs. Steve Armstrong, Al Snow vs. Ricky Morton scaffold match, Boo Bradley vs. Killer Kyle in a New Jersey dog collar match, Robert Gibson vs. Unabom) and debuting on 5/21 in Charlotte at the Grady Cole Center called "Charlotte Memories" with a Slamboree type legends theme (Gangstas vs. Smothers & White Boy in a double chain match, Severn vs. Bobby Blaze for NWA title, Snow vs. Morton scaffold match, Gibson vs. Unabom, Landel vs. Armstrong, Kyle vs. Bradley).

Blaze won the TV title from Killer Kyle at the 4/13 tapings in Warrensville, NC. On the show that airs 4/22, Bobby Fulton returned looking for a shot at Landel's belt. Al Snow & Unabom came out with a coffin and Snow gave Ricky Morton a eulogy putting the record "Old Time Rock & Roll" and a womens nightie saying Morton was a cross-dresser into the coffin. Morton is doing a major injury angle until late May courtesy of Snow in a match last weekend in Johnson City. Robert Gibson did a run-in but both hit him with a chair and laid him out and stuffed him in the coffin and locked it until Smothers & White Boy pried it open. Smothers & White Boy formed a tag team called "The Thugs." They announced a New Jersey dog collar match between Kyle and Bradley with the first who that gets the collar being able to use it. They also have a series of spin the wheel type matches involving all the feuds in various cities around the circuit in May. Landel is doing a gimmick where he says he's going to get Blaze a new car but every car is too nice or too expensive and winds up getting him a tricycle or something like that. They are doing it as a car lot which Landel has done the TV commercials for in Knoxville for the past few years and which is also an SMW sponsor and the car lot where Brian Lee and Tracy Smothers did an angle a few years back. Landel defended the title against Blaze winning when he hit Blaze with the title belt and afterwards bragged about scoring a clean win.

Jim Ross is no longer announcing and was replaced by Chip Kessler just due to time constraints and the fact he's moved to Connecticut. Ross did an interview saying he's moved to Connecticut but said he'll be coming back to SMW for major events.

Blaze beat Kyle for the title on the show that airs 4/29. Bradley, Gangstas, D.Lo Brown, White Boy and Smothers were all at ringside. It ended when Bradley hooked Kyle coming off the ropes around the throat with the dog collar and he was pinned. Next came a press conference where Cornette tells Bob Armstrong that Terry Funk will be his partner at the Volunteer Slam. Armstrong goes nuts saying he hates Funk and doesn't really like Cornette either. Cornette then gives a Cashier's Check to Sandy Scott for \$50,000 saying that if Funk turns on Armstrong or causes Armstrong to lose the match, Scott is to use the check to refund the ticket money of every fan in attendance (thereby guaranteeing that won't happen) so Armstrong agreed to do the match.

Snow & Unabom did an interview with Snow crowing about injuring Morton when Morton's girlfriend Andrea does a run-in and tries to attack Snow but she's held back. Then as Snow & Unabom did a squash, before they got the win, Gibson interfered for the DQ and they doubled on him until Andrea made the save and started attacking Snow. Snow said in an interview that Andrea was tougher than Ricky.

Landel beat Fulton to keep the title with his feet on the ropes.

White Boy & Smothers vowed to win the USWA belts from PG-13. Gimmick here is PG-13 is working as heels claiming USWA is far superior to SMW and that nobody in SMW can give them any trouble.

For 5/6, Sandy Scott said that due to all the outside interference, they were putting Al Snow vs. Ricky Morton in a scaffold match and Snow, there live, and Morton, on a telephone interview, both freaked out. They announced Magnum T.A., Sandy Scott, Abe Jacobs and Nelson Royal to be legends for the Charlotte show.

Steve Armstrong returned and said he was back to collect titles. It wound up with them setting up a title match where you could only win with a figure four for the next television show.

Television main saw Thugs over Gangstas when Brown & Kyle's interference backfired, but after the match the Gangstas did a 4-on-2.

5/13 show saw Thugs say they'll prove SMW is better than USWA. Landel vs. Steve Armstrong saw a ref bump, Armstrong get the figure four on, Landel threw powder in Armstrong's eyes and when the ref got in Landel had Armstrong in the figure four and Armstrong's shoulders were counted pinned.

5/20 television main saw Blaze defend TV strap against Snow in what was said to be really hot match, and when Blaze hit the Northern Lights, Unabom interfered for the DQ.

MAY 1, 1995

A few house shows over the weekend headlined by Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy vs. The Gangstas. Killer Kyle missed the weekend since he's on National Guard duty and the Rock & Roll Express are going to be gone for a few weeks with Ricky Morton doing the injury angle so they worked some Northeast indie dates.

Nelson Royal will wrestle in a legends match on the 5/20 Charlotte show although they haven't decided on his opponent. Rick Steamboat will be honored at the show.

Bobby Fulton did a television interview challenging Buddy Landel talking about remembering when Landel pulled a gun on him in the dressing room. That wasn't an idea for an angle, but apparently something that happened some 15 years ago in Tennessee that almost everyone had forgotten and Fulton mentioned it on TV to build up the match. Fulton was only in for a television program to give Landel a credible title win.

The Batten Twins worked title matches with Al Snow & Unabom this past week.

MAY 8, 1995

Correction from last week. We had reported the SMW show at the Grady Cole Center in Charlotte as being on 5/21, but it's actually on 5/20.

MAY 15, 1995

Highlight of the weekend was the angle shot for Ricky Morton's "return from injury" for a cage match on 5/6 in Johnson City against Al Snow. The rules were that both Robert Gibson and Unabom would be handcuffed to the cage at ringside to prevent interference. Unabom and Gibson came out to be handcuffed, although Unabom wore a mask under his hockey mask (to hide that it wasn't Glen Jacobs, but instead North Georgia indie wrestler Sunset Sam McGraw who is also very tall although not quite Jacobs' height). After a ref bump, Snow went for a piledriver but Morton backdropped his way out of it with Snow landing on the ref for a second bump. At this point Morton went for a piledriver and hit it. As he went for a second piledriver, the real Unabom came from under the ring, where he had hidden all day, through the mat from the bottom and broke it up and he and Snow destroyed Morton. The uncuffed the fake Unabom but he just went back to the dressing room. The faces all ran out but were knocked down as they climbed the cage. Then finally they started crawling under the ring to come out through the hole Unabom came, and when they'd stick their head through the hole like a gopher, Snow & Unabom would stomp on their head before finally they made the save. The show, even with Morton's return stemming from a hot angle at the previous show and a double chain match where Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy beat The Gangstas, drew the standard 650 fans. I'm told that right now it appears they have a base of about 500-600 fans who go to every show, and the rest of the "sometimes" fans will only attend when a big name from the outside is brought in no matter how good an angle is done involving the local talent.

Terry Funk did an interview talking about being the one-man Texas militia and talking about the Viet Cong and the Mai Lai Massacre for the 5/19 show in Knoxville.

A show on 4/27 in Cookville, TN had to be canceled when the ring never showed up.

With Rock & Rolls gone until this weekend, Snow & Unabom had been working against Scott & Steve Armstrong in SMW tag title matches.

Rick Steamboat pulled out of the 5/20 Charlotte legends show. SMW officials are concerned since the show is going head-to-

head with the World 600 race in Charlotte. They aren't doing a legends match because they couldn't find an opponent for Nelson Royal. By the time Dory Funk became available by pulling out of the WCW show, it was too late to advertise him on television. Appearing at the show will be Tim "Mr. Wrestling" Woods, Johnny Weaver, Swede Hanson, Abe Jacobs, Terry "Magnum T.A." Allen, Tommy Young, Royal and Sandy Scott.

Expect them at the Knoxville show to build to a triangular tag team feud with The Thugs (Smothers & White Boy), PG-13 and Gangstas and wind up with the latter two teams in a feud.

MAY 22, 1995

They are expecting a big crowd for 5/19 in Knoxville for the Terry Funk & Bob Armstrong vs. Gangstas Texas death match because of the angle where Jim Cornette has agreed to refund everyone's money if Funk & Armstrong don't leave the Gangstas laying at the end of the match plus the Al Snow vs. Ricky Morton scaffold match. They are pushing the main event that Funk is the King of the Death matches and that Armstrong is the only man ever to beat him in one and they're teaming up together in the death match against The Gangstas. They aren't so confident about 5/20 in Charlotte due to going head-to-head with auto racing.

Snow is living up to his rep as one of the most underrated wrestlers in the business. His interviews doing a smart-ass character similar to a Gino Hernandez (although obviously he's a tons better wrestler than Hernandez was in his wildest dreams), have a lot of dry humor but he's still a step away from being a top-flight interview. It is funny to see a guy with that kind of talent in SMW in comparison to guys being pushed in WWF and WCW.

PG-13, who debut on 5/19 against Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy for the USWA tag titles, may wind up feuding with Gangstas after this weekend.

MAY 29, 1995

The weekend was a disappointment at the gate although reports from the Volunteer Slam on 5/19 in Knoxville were that it was one of the best house shows there in a long time. Knoxville, which doubled as something of a television taping, drew about 1,550 fans and a \$10,000 house even with the money back guarantee gimmick which up to this point had been successful every time it had been used in the past. In this case, Jim Cornette promised that he and Terry Funk wouldn't turn on Bob Armstrong during their match with The Gangstas or Cornette would refund everyone's ticket money. Yet when Cornette and Funk did turn on Armstrong after the match and Cornette threw fire at him, reports were people weren't surprised or really all that outraged either. He didn't violate the letter of the pre-match stipulation although many would argue he violated what he gave everyone the impression the stip for the money back guarantee was about. The Texas death match was excellent as the Gangstas are improving, every compliment that can be said about Funk has been exhausted but suffice to say once again he proved they are deserved, and Armstrong did more than usual. Funk piledrove Mustafa Saed through a table to win the first fall. New Jack then put Funk through a table and pinned him for the second and third fall. Mustafa pinned Armstrong in the fourth with a low blow. Armstrong was out but Funk threw a coke in his face to revive him. D.L. Brown hit Funk with a blackjack and he was pinned for the fifth fall. Armstrong gave New Jack a piledriver for the

sixth. Both Funk and Jack were laid out at the start of the seventh fall and Funk got to his feet first and was declared the winner. New Jack was helped out of the ring. Cornette then grabbed the house mic and said how he had promised everyone he'd get his revenge on the Gangstas and now he'd gotten his revenge and wanted to pay back Armstrong for helping him, and then threw a fireball at him. Funk and Cornette beat up Armstrong and Cornette shoved his shoe down Armstrong's throat. Steve Armstrong did a run-in but was cut-off by Buddy Landel. Boo Bradley then came out and out came a newcomer called The Punisher (Sunset Sam McGraw from North Georgia wrestling) who used a swinging neckbreaker (not well executed at all) on Bradley and both Armstrongs and left them all laying. Punisher is going to be Cornette's bodyguard. It was only back this past Thanksgiving that Cornette lost a match where the stipulation was that Cornette could never cross paths with Armstrong again in SMW, but we've already seen plenty of evidence that those type of stipulations don't mean anything here.

The finale on the show with Ricky Morton beating Al Snow in the scaffold match saw Unabom come out and the two of them hung Morton with a noose after the match.

Although with Funk, no matter how hurt he may be, it's never a surprise no matter how good he looks, the big surprise of a pleasant variety was the debut of PG-13 who by all accounts looked incredible in a USWA tag title match against The Thugs (Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers). White Boy hit J.C. Ice with the buksnort blaster, but as the ref was distracted, Wolfie D made the save hitting White Boy with the hubcap. Then once again behind the refs back, Smothers hit Ice with the hubcap and ref Mark Curtis counted the pin for the title switch. But instead it was a new version of the Dusty finish. USWA booker Randy Hales was there as a USWA rep. He started out playing babyface official as when PG-13 tried to walk out early, he said if they did they'd be stripped of the title. After the match Hales explained to Curtis about the hubcap and Curtis had no choice but to call the DQ. After the match they taped an interview with Curtis watching the videotape and seeing that D used the hubcap first and Curtis got mad because Hales never told him about it and said he couldn't believe Hales lied to him. This is all to set up a match on 6/16 in Knoxville with PG-13, Thugs and Gangstas in a triangular match for the USWA tag titles with Hales and Curtis both as referees. Looks like they are doing a promotion vs. promotion feud with Hales as heel rival promoter.

The 5/20 show in Charlotte, billed as "Charlotte Memories," only drew 200 fans to Grady Cole Center for the SMW debut, even with bringing back several former Charlotte stars such as Swede Hanson, Tim Woods, Abe Jacobs, Magnum T.A., Johnny Weaver and Nelson Royal. With the exception of Magnum, all got only polite applause and those there said that all were stars going back too far in time (late 60s, early 70s) and the fans left only remembered them as prelim wrestlers in the early days of the Ric Flair era. Tommy Young, one of the all-time classic refs, did a one-time shot as referee, the first time he refereed since getting his career ending spinal injury in 1990. Cornette did a long speech explaining his turn on Bob Armstrong and why, and came out managing Landel in an SMW title match against Steve Armstrong. Cornette was apparently cheered both before and after the speech even though the speech was meant to turn him and was an excellent speech. Young caught Cornette using the tennis racquet for the title saving DQ finish. Apparently the byplay between Young and Cornette during this match was excellent. Dan Severn, who was over huge the last time he was in the city for

the UFC show, drew no crossover fans in beating Bobby Blaze. All the old-timers loved talking with Severn. The crowd popped because Severn launched Blaze with suplexes but nobody took Blaze on offense against him seriously. Thugs beat Gangstas in a \*\*\*1/2 street fight, but the finale saw Al Snow & Unabom beat Rock & Roll Express in a cage match when Cornette and Landel came to ringside and Cornette threw the racquet to Snow who used it for the pin in a \* match.

There will be no TV tapings until mid-June, so these two shows will be used for the next three weeks of television.

SMW's third Fan Week will be 8/4 to 8/12. The 8/4 show in Knoxville will be billed as "The Super Bowl of wrestling." The idea is to have championships from four different promotions defended on that show (I presume that to be WWF, USWA, NWA with Severn appearing and SMW). 8/12 in Johnson City for "Fire on the Mountain" will be a night of all stipulation matches. They'll also run a major show on 8/5 in Barbourville, KY, a TV taping on 8/7, and house shows 8/10 in Cookville, TN and 8/11 in Lenior, NC (billed as "Carolina Chaos") plus the regular things like video parties, Q&A with wrestlers. There may be a major event added on 8/6 as well. For more information you can call Brian Hildebrand at 615-581-3818 or write to SMW at P.O. Box 1279, Morristown, TN 37816.

JUNE 5, 1995

Very little of note with house shows over the weekend in Hickory, NC (125 fans), Harlan, KY (150) and Morristown, TN (450) with the latter show being substantially better than the other two since Jim Cornette was at the show and guys always worker harder when the boss is watching.

Next big show is 6/16 in Knoxville with a triangular tag team match with PG-13, The Thugs (Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy) and Gangstas, Buddy Landel & Cornette in a handicap match against Steve Armstrong and a non-title match on top with Rock & Roll Express vs. Al Snow & Unabom.

JUNE 12, 1995

Five new wrestlers are being planned to debut at the 6/12 television tapings, three singles and a tag team. Don't know identities other than the one obvious being The Punisher (Sunset Sam McGraw, a 6-6 North Georgia indie).

According to Jim Cornette, they've pared expenses down to the point where they can break even at the spot shows if the crowd is in the 200s and Johnson City breaks even at around 600.

The television show over the weekend consisted of Cornette and announcer Chip Kessler in an expensive hotel suite with Cornette explaining in detail how the entire time he was a babyface it was just a way to set up Bob Armstrong. Buddy Landel was in the background charging all sorts of expensive room service items to Kessler, and during the interview, a phone call came for Landel supposedly from Pamela Anderson with Landel saying that she was calling because she said Diesel had male problems. I guess he must have meant he was having trouble with his Observers arriving late.

JUNE 19, 1995

Highlights of the 6/12 television tapings which included the debut of The Head Bangers, Mosh (Chaz Warrington) & Thrasher (Glen Ruth), who most recently were The Spiders in Ozark Mountain; Terry Gordy as a heel to feud with Boo Bradley; Brad Armstrong as a face to be Buddy Landel's SMW title contender; and Tommy Rich, who didn't appear (because he was booked for Ozark Mountain in Jonesboro, AR that night) but will be doing interviews for airing over the next few weeks. Rich, Gordy, Landel, Punisher, Al Snow and Unabom are all members of Jim Cornette's new heel group called The Militia, with Cornette dressed up in a military outfit doing a copy of the mid-70s Lawler's Army and later Eddie Gilbert's Army gimmick. The prevailing angle is that because of the stipulations before their match last Thanksgiving where Cornette and Bob Armstrong vowed it would be their final conflict, that none of Cornette's men can face Bob in the ring and Bob can't face them, so Bob is bringing people in to face Cornette's men until they finally drop the stip I suppose.

The TV title (last held by Bobby Blaze who no-showed television) seems to have been forgotten.

The Gangstas final night will be 6/16 in Knoxville in the triangular match as they've given notice and are leaving for ECW although Killer Kyle & D.Lo Brown (who also works as part of the ring crew) are staying.

The first hour of television (air date 6/17) saw Head Bangers debut doing a finisher where one power bomb a guy and the other does a legdrop off the top called the stage dive. Snow did an interview saying the 30 day time limit was running out so they had to defend the belts, so were putting them up against Lee Thomas & Wolfman and they easily won. Cornette introduced Gordy as part of his militia. They didn't have Gordy do anything but run the ropes. Randy Hales did an interview saying USWA was superior to SMW and running down SMW ref Mark Curtis. Curtis came out, but Hales jumped him until Les Thatcher pulled Hales off. Curtis then chased Hales out of the building and in a comedy spot, during the next match, an SMW title match with Landel vs. Steve Armstrong, Lee Thomas was ref because they couldn't find Curtis as he was still chasing Hales. Finish was Cornette distract the ref and Punisher hit Armstrong with a loaded glove to set up the in. After the match Bob & Steve Armstrong came out with a small guy called Armstrong's Avenger (jobber Mike Mason). Landel laughed at him and challenged him to a match for next week.

Second hour of TV opened with Bob there with Armstrong's Avenger, who was still Mason. When the match started, the Avenger was noticeably bigger and even before he took the mask off at the start of the match, most of the crowd knew it was Brad Armstrong. Brad won the non-title match with the Russian leg sweep. The announced for Summer Blast (7/15 in Knoxville) a match with Hales vs. Curtis. Hales, who is a twig-like 6-5 and 160 pounds, claimed in his interview he was a competitive bodybuilder and a martial arts black belt. They've been doing a gimmick where Snow claims someone stole something out of his bag in the dressing room. Anyway, at this point Rock & Roll Express come out with a tape recorder and a tape they said they stole out of Snow's bag. They said that unless they got a title shot, they'd play the tape. Snow & Unabom came out with Bob Armstrong and a "court injunction" not allowing them to play the tape and ordering them to return the recorder. They do, but Armstrong ordered a tag title match on 7/15 which would be Rock & Roll's last shot at the title, it would be no DQ, no time limit and that if Rock & Roll didn't win the title, they'd leave SMW. Steve Armstrong did an interview challenging Punisher on 7/15 for costing him in his title match.

Gordy came out for a squash and got a big pop. He looked better than he looked last year, but still was below par. After destroying Thomas, Gordy & Punisher kept beating on him until Bradley made the save but they doubled on him until Steve Armstrong made the save. Bob Armstrong then did an interview announcing the "Superbowl of Wrestling" show on 8/4 in Knoxville saying that they already had signed NWA champion Dan Severn to defend the title and that the WWF Intercontinental champion (presumably not Jeff Jarrett by this time) would defend against whomever holds the SMW title, and also announced that SMW and USWA titles would be at stake.

In the final hour of taping, Head Bangers challenged Thugs (Smothers & White Boy). Rock & Rolls did an interview claiming before they gave back the recorder they made a dub of the tape and started playing it and Cornette's voice was on the tape. Cornette came out and started screaming about it and Snow & Unabom jumped Rock & Roll until Thugs made the save. Brad Armstrong did an interview saying he wanted to win the SMW title to get a shot at the IC title. Mark Curtis did an interview coming out with a skeleton wearing a tie saying he's been training with the skeleton as his workout partner since the skeleton was tougher than Hales. He said he was at Dom DeNucci's wrestling school in Pittsburgh for ten years and trained with Cactus Jack and Shane Douglas as a tackling dummy and took their best shots. Gordy wrestled Bradley which ended when Punisher tried to interfere, but Bradley beat him to the punch. However Bradley then missed a splash off the top and Gordy pinned him with a power bomb. After the match they doubled on Bradley and Gordy ripped the head off his Teddy Bear and put the stuffing in his mouth. It became a Battle Royal with Steve Armstrong, Landel, Bob Armstrong, Snow & Unabom all involved until finally Steve and Bradley were thrown out and all the heels were doing a number on Bob until Brad made the save cleaning house on all the heels. The Thugs had a squash and Hales did color saying that in July in Cookville, TN that PG-13 would defend the USWA tag titles against Thugs. Show ended with Snow & Unabom again saying they'd defend the belts against two jobbers, but the jobbers snuck out and Rock & Rolls snuck in. After a short brawl, Snow threw Morton over the top for the DQ.

Biggest show of the weekend was 6/10 in Johnson City before about 400 fans with Thugs over Gangstas (Mustafa Saed no-showed so it was Nu Jack & D.L. Brown) in a stretcher match when Nu Jack went out on the stretcher and Rock & Roll beat Snow & Unabom in a non-title. Cornette debuted his General of the militia gimmick with Landel using his army helmet as a gimmick to pin Steve Armstrong to keep the title.

JULY 3, 1995

The 8/4 show in Knoxville billed as "The Super Bowl of wrestling" as the lead-off of the Fan Week will be the company's biggest of the year. Announced this week are Chris Benoit vs. Al Snow, a WWF Intercontinental title match with Buddy Landel presumably challenging Shawn Michaels, Dan Severn defending the NWA title presumably against Bobby Blaze, Brad Armstrong challenging for the USWA title, PG-13 defending the USWA tag team titles against either Rock & Roll Express or Thugs (with the other team facing Head Bangers most likely), Undertaker vs. Unabom, Tommy Rich & Terry Gordy vs. Boo Bradley and a mystery partner. Reports from his first television appearances are that Gordy looks much better than he did last year and is acceptable in the ring, but he's nowhere near the old Gordy.

There was a lot of heat regarding The Gangstas leaving. The two of them were originally scheduled to stay through the first week of July but apparently there was a dispute. Mustafa left early, with Nu Jack following, although by the time Nu Jack left, the company apparently was aware since they had Head Bangers make all the shots over the past two weeks. Gangstas have complained to others about pay in particular.

The remainder of the Fan Week schedule is a cookout with the heels on 8/5 plus a show in Barbourville, KY called "Knox County Knockout," an 8/7 show in Marion, VA, 8/8 will be a combined USWA and SMW show in Louisville, 8/9 is a Q&A with Jim Cornette which usually stirs around three months worth of controversy, 8/10 is a show in Cookville, TN, 8/11 a show in Lenoir, NC, 8/12 is the annual "Fire on the Mountain" in Johnson City with more than ten matches and the retirement ceremony of Ron Wright after a career that goes back to 1958. For more info contact Brian Hildebrand at 615-581-3818.

JULY 10, 1995

The SMW title is held up after a match with Buddy Landel vs. Brad Armstrong on 7/1 in Barbourville, KY before 525 fans. Armstrong hit the leg sweep finisher but before the ref Mark Curtis counted three, Jim Cornette rang the bell. As the ref and timekeeper consulted and the ref was told that it was Cornette who rang the bell, he ordered the match re-started. However Cornette distracted the ref and Unabom handed Landel Brass Knux which he used and got the pin. Tracy Smothers then came out and told the ref what happened and he re-started the match again, and immediately Armstrong hit the leg sweep for the pin. At the building Armstrong left and was announced as the new champion but the title will be held up when it is talked about on television this coming weekend.

At the Internet convention over the weekend, both Cactus Jack and New Jack were either jokingly or not so jokingly referring to bounced checks when working here, although Cactus Jack said that he liked Cornette.

Besides Unabom leaving for WWF, Al Snow also likely won't be around much longer. Snow has a 7/11 try-out with WCW at Center Stage and has also received interest from the WWF. After about 11 years in the business, he's become something of an overnight sensation.

On this weekend's television show they did a personality profile segment on Dan Severn building to his appearance on 8/4. They aired clips from UFC and talked about him being a double (NWA & UFC) champion and talked about people like Gracie and Shamrock and Severn's wrestling background. Told the content of the interview wasn't bad but Severn's delivery was the same as on UFC which is great for UFC but looks weird on a pro wrestling show. SMW also has been plugging the UFC card with commercials inserted prior to the local promos.

JULY 17, 1995

Smoky Mountain Wrestling finalized its line-up for what looks to be the biggest show in its history, the "Super Bowl of Wrestling" on 8/4 in Knoxville as the opening night of its annual Fan Week.

While the show may not draw the company record crowd last year's "Night of the Legends" drew, this show has more major

names and a far stronger line-up. In the one major change, Chris Benoit canceled his booking against Al Snow because his Japanese tour was extended, and will be replaced by Marty Jannetty. Jannetty will be defending the Midwest Territorial Wrestling title of Michigan promoter Gary Woronchak on this show and since Snow is a regular for Woronchak, it wouldn't be surprising to see a title change. Adding Jannetty's title to the show makes six title matches in the ten-match card.

Headlining will be the WWF IC title with either Jeff Jarrett or Shawn Michaels (Michaels unless the current plan gets changed between now and the end of the month) defending against Buddy Landel. TV interviews have been cut with both Jarrett and Michaels talking about defending against either Landel or Brad Armstrong (the SMW title is held up between the two and SMW title matches are scheduled at all the house shows the rest of this month but all will end with DQ finishes). I believe that on television that will air after 7/23, only Michaels interviews are scheduled to air as when they did television tapings on 7/6 in Jellico, TN they were plugging Michaels interviews for the match with Landel which pretty well says that unless a change in planning takes place, that's the direction.

The other four title matches will be Billy Jack Haynes defending the USWA title against Brad Armstrong, Dan Severn defending the NWA title against Bobby Blaze, PG-13 defending the USWA tag titles (which they regained on 7/10 in Memphis) against Jackie Fulton & Steve Armstrong (who were a tag team in All Japan as The Eagle & The Falcon), and The Thugs (Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers) defending the SMW tag titles against the Rock & Roll Express in a face vs. face feud that was set up at the last tapings where Thugs won the belts from Snow & Unabom.

Rick & Scott Steiner were added to the show facing The Head Bangers (Glen Ruth & Chaz Warrington), plus Undertaker vs. Unabom, Bob Armstrong vs. The Punisher and Terry Gordy & Tommy Rich vs. Mongolian Stomper & Boo Bradley round out the show.

Besides the tag title change and finalizing the 8/4 show, lots happened at the 7/6 tapings in Jellico, TN. The first hour, which I believe airs this weekend, opens with the announcement of a tag title match between Al Snow & Unabom vs. Rock & Roll Express (the gimmick had been that Snow & Unabom kept losing non-title matches and when they got the title match did a DQ finish). PG-13 did an interview running down SMW saying they'll defend their USWA belts (which they had actually lost in USWA to Rock & Roll Express three days earlier but let's not quibble over details) against The Thugs and the Rock & Roll Express. Bob & Brad Armstrong did an interview where Brad talked about his upcoming shots at the held up SMW title and if he wins he gets an IC title match while Bob announced they were bringing in The Undertaker to face Unabom on 8/4. They started doing the gimmick where nobody knew what happened but Rock & Roll Express hadn't arrived in the building yet. Buddy Landel and Jim Cornette did an interview talking about wrestling the winner of Shawn Michaels vs. Jeff Jarrett. Boo Bradley announced he had a mystery partner for 8/4 to face Terry Gordy & Tommy Rich. Originally the mystery partner was going to be Jos LeDuc, but for whatever reason, that fell through and it was later revealed as Mongolian Stomper. Finally with time running down, Snow & Unabom talked about Rock & Roll not arriving and that they kept their belts via forfeit. Finally Smothers & White Boy came out and they had an impromptu match where Snow superkicked Unabom (Shawn Michaels/Diesel spot) when White Boy ducked and Unabom was pinned. As they were doing the post-match celebration for

the title switch, Rock & Rolls showed up. They couldn't believe the match had already taken place and Ricky Morton was asking how come they couldn't have just delayed the title match for 15:00. It wound up with Rock & Rolls and Thugs getting into a small argument. The second hour saw Bradley announce Stomper as his partner stemming from an angle that will take place on 7/15 in Knoxville. Rock & Rolls did an interview saying it was their title shot. Smothers & White Boy came out and both teams started arguing. Bob Armstrong announced they'd settle it on 8/4. As of the end of the tapings, neither team had turned nor were there any hints of which team would turn, although rumor has it that Rock & Rolls may be subtle heels in the feud because of how well the deal is going with them as heels in Memphis. Besides the 8/4 card, they were also pushing "Fire on the Mountain" in Johnson City (I believe it's on 8/13 but it may be 8/12) which will be a series of wrestlers asking for their dream matches. While Jim Cornette was doing an interview, jobber The Wolfman came out and said he had never won a match in SMW and his dream was to at least win one match. So he challenged Cornette as his dream match. Cornette agreed to the match as a first blood match. They did a taped interview with Billy Jack Haynes as USWA champion saying he's defending against Brad Armstrong. In Armstrong's interview, he promised the fans he would win the USWA title. If you understand Jim Cornette booking theory and logic, a babyface never makes a promise to the people that he isn't going to keep so you can take that for what it's worth. On the third hour, Bob Armstrong came out with Wolfman had said that Wolfman had pulled his posterior gibblet (that's what he said) and wouldn't be able to wrestle Cornette in Johnson City. Armstrong said that since everyone else was booked that night and there were no subs available, he was going to have to take the first blood match against Cornette. Armstrong explained that since he was a replacement and not a signed competitor, that the contract stipulation from last Thanksgiving where Cornette and Armstrong had vowed never to wrestle each other or cross paths ever again didn't apply to this situation. Cornette agreed to wrestle Armstrong in Johnson City only if Armstrong agreed to wrestle The Punisher on 8/4 in Knoxville and both men agreed. Boo Bradley faced Tommy Rich which ended when Punisher tripped Bradley as he tried to suplex Rich into the ring. After the match, Rich, Punisher and Gordy all attacked Bradley until Bob (with his baseball bat) & Brad made the save but Punisher didn't back down from Bob's baseball bat until Cornette dragged him out. Landel did an interview talking about his IC title match against Michaels. TV main was White Boy & Smothers defending against Head Bangers. As one of the Head Bangers went to use a chair, Rock & Rolls ran in to grab the chair from them. The ref was distracted, but turned around seeing Rock & Rolls in the ring and holding a chair and DQ'd White Boy & Smothers. White Boy & Smothers and Rock & Rolls then all started arguing after the match about Rock & Roll costing them the match. On the fourth hour, they began announcing more of the dream matches for Johnson City. Punisher said his match was a Battle Royal which would have himself, Landel, Snow, Unabom, Rich and Brad Armstrong (ie five-on-one). They announced on TV that Johnson City would be Ron Wright's retirement celebration after 37 years in wrestling and will be doing Ron Wright videos. White Boy, whose hero growing up was Wright, said he'll announce his dream match that night. Landel said his dream match was Brad Armstrong vs. a mystery man (no word on who). Armstrong said his dream match was a singles match against Landel with all the babyfaces as lumberjacks with tennis racquets. Head Banger Mosh (Warrington) said his dream match was a tag match against Rock & Roll Express where the losing team would have to wear a dress (which is weird since Head Bangers already wrestle in dresses). Snow said his

dream match was a tag title match with Unabom against The Thugs, where the loser of the fall has to leave town (presumably this is Glen Jacobs' final night with SMW before he goes to WWF to feud with Bret Hart) but with Cornette as referee. Ricky Morton said his dream match was simply a shot at getting back the SMW tag titles so they wanted to face the winner of Snow & Unabom vs. Thugs later that night. Somewhere amidst all this someone also set up a Boo Bradley & Mongolian Stomper vs. Rich & Punisher match for that show. Morton did an interview talking about winning the tag titles from Snow & Unabom (despite the fact Thugs hold the titles) in Johnson City. At this point the Thugs came out and said the interview made no sense since they held the belts. Morton said that with Cornette as referee, the odds were stacked against them so he was figuring on winning the belts from Snow & Unabom. This naturally led to another argument. Gordy & Rich beat Bradley & Blaze. After the match Punisher started beating on Bradley & Blaze. Brad did a run-in throwing one punch after another on Punisher, who didn't sell a thing. Then Armstrong finally kicked him low which he did sell. Brad said in an interview he was tired of all the outside interference by the Militia members and challenged them one at a time on TV "next week." The final TV show, airing on 8/19 after all these big shows are over, had Brad vs. Militia members with Bob at ringside. First Brad pinned Snow in an excellent match with the leg sweep. Then he pinned Unabom when Unabom and Landel collided and Brad used the leg sweep. Cornette threw his tennis racquet to Landel who used it to KO Armstrong and Landel pinned him. They'll do a final feature on Wright including clips of his retirement ceremony. Final TV match is Rock & Roll vs. PG-13 which ended in a DQ when Head Bangers interfered. The Bangers ended up putting a dress over Morton's face so he couldn't see. Snow & Unabom came out to make it four-on-two (PG-13 had simply disappeared by this point). Thugs came in. Morton was swinging wildly with the dress over his eyes and accidentally hit Smothers. Smothers then attacked Morton and the two started brawling while White Boy and Robert Gibson had a stand-off.

It appears the SMW title will be decided in a tournament sometime in late August.

The major weekend house show was 7/8 in Johnson City before about 500 fans. Chip the Firebreaker (Curtis Thompson) got a try-out beating Mighty Destroyer (Mike Samson) in a DUD match with Thompson doing little but rest holds which begs the question as to why he was doing a try-out match if he wasn't going to try anything. Bangers, in their first major house show since their TV introduction, got a good reaction and were impressive, doing a \*\*\*1/2 match while wearing a dress in losing a title match against Thugs (who were announced as having won the titles two nights earlier). While Punisher beating Boo Bradley was \*3/4, people were raving about Punisher's potential once he gets more ring time. His winning move was a legdrop off the top where he flew very far across the ring. Armstrong and Landel did their DQ finish while Rock & Rolls in the main event beat Snow & Unabom in a thundercage match.

When it comes to the question of bounced checks that was brought up at the ECW Internet convention, Jim Cornette said that as a company that operates week-to-week they have bounced checks but in every case have made them good at the next show. He said New Jack has had checks bounce but they were always made good at the next house show and that the only person in pro wrestling that SMW owes even one dime to right now is Cactus Jack. SMW owed Mustafa \$100 when he started no-showing (he actually quit showing up about a week

before New Jack). He said when Cactus worked for SMW several months ago, he waited three weeks to cash his check and that was a time when the company was short on money and it bounced. He told Jack to put the check back in but Jack waited a few more weeks before doing so and it happened again. Cornette then sent him part of the money to Atlanta, not knowing Jack had moved to New York and said Jack called him mad from New York calling him dirty names like Herb Abrams, not realizing some money had been sent to Atlanta. Jack later apologized explaining the problem and said he'd leave his new address in New York for Cornette to send the rest of the money but Cornette said Jack hasn't called him since. Cornette was mad about how he was being portrayed in Philadelphia since ECW has had thousands of dollars of outstanding debts and just went through a financial reorganization while some there were making him out to be a welshing low-life. Cornette also was mad at how the Gangstas switch from SMW to ECW was being portrayed. Cornette has decided to finish the Gangstas up on 7/1 and called up promotions trying to find them work. Naturally the WWF ran from that idea like a vampire from a cross and USWA told Cornette they weren't interested. Cornette called Paul Heyman to get them into ECW after 7/1. Now at the same time, New Jack, who already knew he was finishing up, had started negotiating with Tod Gordon and agreed to start on 6/17 and the Gangstas ended up missing the final two weeks they were originally booked for SMW which included two big shows which had Cornette hot claiming he gave them their first career break and made main eventers even though they had no track record and they walked out on him at the end of the run including the triangular match in Knoxville.

JULY 24, 1995

Only report we have from the past week was on the SMW Summerblast '95 show in Knoxville on 7/15 which drew about 750 fans. Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy retained the SMW tag titles beating Head Bangers in a very strong opener. Tommy Rich beat Boo Bradley after hitting him with a chain. After Rich won, Terry Gordy did a run-in joining Rich in destroying Bradley with a spiked dog collar with Boo juicing heavy. Punisher pinned Steve Armstrong in a short match with a surprisingly clean finish. In a surprisingly entertaining match, Curtis beat Hales. Hales wore a USWA sweatshirt and said that the USWA was the only promotion in the United States to turn a profit, which is probably the case when it comes to offices that run any kind of a regular schedule. After losing, Hales said that Curtis had signed SMW's death warrant. The SMW title is still held up as Buddy Landel was DQ'd against Brad Armstrong and in the main event, Rock & Roll Express beat Al Snow & Unabom in a match where they would have had to leave SMW if they lost. Rock & Rolls agreed to the stipulation in order to get a tag title shot but since the match was signed, Snow & Unabom had dropped the straps. This adds to the feud with Rock & Rolls vs. Smothers & White Boy as Rock & Rolls basically were forced to put up leaving town for nothing.

JULY 31, 1995

The biggest house show of the week was 7/22 in Morristown, TN before 400 fans with Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy beating Al Snow & Unabom to retain the tag titles. Apparently there is legit heat behind the scenes between Smothers and Ricky Morton which is why Morton missed both the Memphis television tapings and the Morristown show.

Ricky Morton, who along with Jim Cornette was the foundation of the Smoky Mountain Wrestling promotion and involved in the hottest feud in a long time in the United States Wrestling Association, was fired from both groups shortly after the WWF In Your House II PPV show stemming from problems between his long-time girlfriend, Andrea Calloway, and Tracy Smothers' fiance, Angela Lambert. The problems resulted in Calloway, who was a former roommate of Lambert and introduced Lambert to Smothers originally, filing aggravated assault charges against Smothers and Lambert.

The situation apparently began after an SMW house show on 7/8 in Johnson City. The four went to a night club together in Kingsport, TN where apparently Morton and Calloway got into an argument which was loud enough to where Lambert suggested they take the argument outside. As the story goes, Calloway and Morton's argument got louder and Calloway allegedly started hitting Morton with Morton not hitting back and just covering up. Smothers then allegedly pulled Calloway off Morton and she started on Smothers, which led to Lambert fighting with Calloway before they calmed down and left together to go to Lambert's parents house.

An argument broke out again in the car as they reached Lambert's parents driveway, which resulted in Lambert, in the front seat, jumping into the back seat where Calloway was and giving her a serious enough beating that resulted in black eyes. Calloway then swore out an aggravated assault charge claiming that Smothers, 32, and Lambert, 28, had both beaten her up, saying, "We were in Mr. Smothers' vehicle...My boyfriend and I started arguing. As we stopped, Tracy and Angela turned around and started hitting me in the face and head. I was in the back seat and Angela picked up a high-heel shoe and hit me in the ye and nose, causing severe bruising, bleeding and pain. Angela then got out of the car, opened the back door and grabbed me by the hair, pulling me out of the car. I had one leg out on the ground and she slammed the door on my leg. Tracy and Angela said they would have me killed."

Cornette said that when he talked to Morton and Smothers originally about the incident, both said the two girls had gotten into a fight but that Smothers at no point hit Calloway. A few days later Cornette said that he was on the phone with Morton and Calloway and Morton said that he never saw Smothers hit Calloway.

Over the next few weeks, several more incidents took place. Morton no-showed SMW promos at one point. At another point a story went around that Calloway was going to sue Lambert, whose family has some money. Calloway then swore out the arrest warrants against both in two different counties. Both Smothers and Lambert posted bond in one country for the assault charge. At the 7/15 show in Knoxville, Smothers and Morton got into an argument about the incident which resulted in a pull-apart. Calloway, who had been working the USWA circuit as the manager of the Rock & Roll Express, had stopped appearing at the USWA shows since Smothers was working the same shows. Calloway had also generally appeared at most SMW house shows with Morton handling the gimmick table. Morton had attempted numerous times to get his girlfriend a job working as a performer with SMW but Cornette wanted no part of it, and after the first set of arrest warrants had been sworn out, Cornette didn't want Calloway at the shows because of potential problems with Smothers.

At 3 a.m. on the evening of 7/21, police came to Lambert's house and arrested her as Calloway had sworn out the second charge. They were looking to arrest Smothers as well, but Smothers was at an SMW spot show that night and she let them know he would be wrestling the next night in Morristown, TN and would turn himself in after the show. Since nobody had been able to contact Smothers before the Morristown show, when Cornette received word that Smothers was going to have to turn himself in after the show, he told Morton it would be for the best for him to skip Morristown. Morton had already no-showed television that morning in Memphis where Smothers was appearing and Morton was scheduled to be part of a television angle leading to the Monday night house show.

After the In Your House II PPV show in Nashville, Cornette, Randy Hales (USWA booker and general manager) and Morton were on a three-way with them imploring Morton to get Calloway to drop the charges, particularly since Smothers had recently won a lengthy custody battle for his son and it would open a major can of worms for Smothers if he and his soon-to-be-wife were facing charges of beating up a woman. Cornette and Hales agreed to split the court costs of dropping all the charges and paying any medical bills of Calloway, assuring Calloway that Lambert would apologize to her. Calloway refused to drop the charges and both Cornette and Hales decided to not use Morton at least for the present figuring he and Smothers couldn't be in the same dressing room and that Smothers was an innocent victim in all this and that while Morton was something of a victim, ultimately they believed he had more control of the situation regarding Calloway and the charges and thus both circuits fired Morton despite him being in key programs in each place. There was word at least at one point that Calloway was willing to drop the charges against Smothers but not Lambert and that Morton said he'd try to smooth everything over.

The story that Smothers had been arrested for assaulting a woman made the local radio, television and newspapers news in the Tri-Cities region. Later in the week, Morton told Cornette that they had tried to drop the charges but the police said since they were felonious charges, they wouldn't be able to drop them. Cornette and Morton talked again on Thursday night with Cornette imploring Morton that if they could take care of everything, they would rehire him.

However, on Saturday, Morton and Calloway appeared doing a promo for promoter Terry (no relation to Buddy) Landel, who was promoting an indie show on 8/19 at Chilhowie Park in Knoxville. Cornette had told everyone on his crew that anyone who worked that show, which includes former Knoxville area stars Ron Garvin and Bob Orton, would never work for SMW again. Morton's response was that he had to work because he didn't have a job, and Cornette felt it put him in a bad position since he had told everyone in his crew that he'd never use anyone who worked the Landel show.

Because the incident made so much press in the Johnson City area, Cornette said that Morton's departure would be handled "as close to the truth as possible" on upcoming SMW television.

Morton, 38, was one of the most popular wrestlers and best workers of the 1980s with long-time partner Robert Gibson. The two were the top drawing tag team during the most successful business period for both Bill Watts' Mid South Wrestling in 1984-85 and Jim Crockett Promotions 1985-87. His career as a major performer appeared to be over as it was

believed he was too old to get over playing a role designed for someone in his early 20s, however upon the formation of SMW and the feud with the Heavenly Bodies, his career got a second lease on life. Morton & Gibson appeared to be happy enough being big fish in a small pond that on several occasions they turned down offers from WCW to remain with SMW. Cornette estimated that between the two territories and gimmick sales that Morton would have been earning about \$1,000 per week in the jobs he no longer has.

The incident took place just as both territories seemed to be on major business upswings. USWA on the 7/24 show, which Morton & Gibson & Smothers were scheduled to headline in a six-man tag against PG-13 & Tommy Rich as the Rock & Roll Express vs. PG-13 had amidst all the potential problems been turned into a USWA vs. SMW feud giving them more latitude with ideas, drew 2,400 fans and \$14,000. To show this wasn't a fluke and it is the hottest feud in the territory in years, they followed it up on 7/31 with a crowd estimated in excess of 2,500 for a USWA vs. SMW eight man street fight. SMW, which has probably its strongest line-up in regard to big-name talent in its history on 8/4 in Knoxville, already had an unheard of \$10,000 advance for the show as of 3 p.m. on 7/28, which was more than 25% ahead of the pace set by last summer's company record "Night of the Legends" show (which drew 5,000 fans and \$40,000). At least for now, in the feud over the SMW tag titles which was going to be Smothers & Dirty White Boy (champs) vs. Rock & Roll Express, it'll be changed, including at the Knoxville major show, to Smothers & White Boy defending against the unannounced substitutes of the Heavenly Bodies, who apparently are going to take over the program. Robert Gibson will be retained by both SMW and USWA although it's no secret that his value as a performer diminishes greatly without Morton.

News pretty much non-existent from here aside from the lead story since they only ran two small spot shows this past week.

Heavenly Bodies will be in for all of Fan week (8/4 to 8/13) and then return as regulars in September.

No word on where Brian Armstrong fits in, although he's supposed to start this coming week.

They will be taping television at the 8/4 Knoxville and 8/12 Johnson City show so besides the matches advertised, expect angles to lead through September including a Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy vs. Heavenly Bodies program over the tag team titles. The first card after Fan Week will be 8/13 in Charlotte with a tag team tournament with Heavenly Bodies, Boo Bradley & Bobby Fulton, Tommy Rich & Punisher, Robert Gibson & ?, Head Bangers, Al Snow & Unabom and Smothers & White Boy plus Buddy Landel (who I'm told did the greatest interview of his career for his match with Shawn Michaels that aired this past weekend) vs. Brad Armstrong. The Landel interview was him talking about his life, saying that he was from Knoxville even though he's been billed from other cities in the past, how he grew up watching Ron Wright wrestle on television and turned pro at the age of 17. That by the age of 23, he was getting shots at the NWA world title and people were talking about him as a future world champion but he threw it all away due to drugs and alcohol. He blamed drugs and alcohol for him losing his job with the NWA and how he spent the next ten years blowing one job after another because of it and how his career steadily went downhill until he finally asked God for help, said he's dropped weight, given up the drugs and alcohol and said he was going to win the IC title for

the people of Knoxville, which judging from everyone's reaction to the interview, he may wind up getting cheered at the show. It's not certain about that since Michaels is one of the most popular wrestlers in the country right now and Landel will be managed by Cornette, although Michaels interview was almost heelish. Landel in the interview told Cornette he isn't to interfere in the match.

AUGUST 14, 1995

Smoky Mountain Wrestling's "Super Bowl of Wrestling" on 8/4 at the Knoxville City Coliseum which featured WWF stars Shawn Michaels and Undertaker as the top drawing cards, was right on the heels of setting company records while three nights later, the USWA, using the SMW vs. USWA feud on top, upped its crowd to 3,000 fans and \$17,000.

The live attendance for Jim Cornette's show was 4,600 paid and slightly in excess of 5,000 in the building, both of which would be new company records. The old record for the "Night of Legends" last August in the same building was 5,000 fans, but 4,400 paid. The gate was \$37,500, just a tad shy of the \$40,000 record set last year. The show, which doubled as a three-hour television taping which begins this coming weekend, saw three title changes. Based on different reports, the 4:35 show ranged from either being very good but dragging because of length, to some who thought it was the best house show they had ever seen. Most reported being pleasantly surprised with how hard the WWF wrestlers worked, in particular Undertaker, who several remarked had a better match with the green Unabom, then people have seen him have on a big show in years.

The three title changes were Al Snow winning the Midwest Territorial Wrestling title (Gary Woronchak's promotion out of Taylor, MI) from Marty Jannetty in a match that lasted more than 25:00 and virtually everyone agreed was the best match of the show; Brad Armstrong winning the USWA title from Billy Jack Haynes (which probably will have changed back to Haynes before any of you read this); and the Heavenly Bodies returning to SMW to win the tag team titles from Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers.

1. Brian Armstrong, who got a huge pop as fans recognized him as The Roadie, pinned D.Lo Brown with a DDT. 1/2\*
2. Head Bangers beat Chris Michaels & Flash Flanagan. Michaels & Flanagan subbed for the Steiners. Don't know the entire story but the Steiners worked ECW in Jim Thorpe, PA. The summary of events were that Cornette called Rob (Rick) while they were in Japan and talked with his wife who said they'd be able to make the date. He had another conversation with her before advertising them before actually talking with Rob who said there wouldn't be a problem, but when the subject of money came up, Cornette was offering \$500 apiece and they weren't willing to work for less than \$1,000 apiece and it pretty well fell apart from there. I believe it fell apart ten days to two weeks before the event. Michaels ended up being pinned with the Bangers' finisher, a combination legdrop power bomb. Fans were very disappointed about no Steiners and didn't take the subs seriously, but technically they had a good match as Flanagan was said to be very good and the Bangers are a very underrated team. Others said it was a blessing in disguise because nobody knew how good Flanagan was until seeing him. \*\*1/2

3. PG-13 retained the USWA tag title beating Jackie Fulton & Curtis Thompson. Thompson subbed for Steve Armstrong who has apparently left the promotion. J.C. Ice pinned Fulton after Wolfie D hit him with a hubcap. Thompson wore a mailman outfit as his U.S. Male gimmick. Fans didn't get into this match because they didn't see Fulton & Thompson as real contenders. \*

4. Punisher (Sam McGraw) pinned Bob Armstrong. Punisher missed a legdrop. At this point Al Snow tried to interfere but Brad Armstrong came to ringside. Bob got the sleeper on Punisher while the ref was being distracted by Snow and Brad. Jim Cornette hit Bob with the tennis racquet. Bob broke the hold but didn't sell the shot. As Bob went after Cornette, Punisher hit him from behind with a blackjack and got the pin. Not a good match technically but had a lot of heat. \*1/4

5. Snow pinned Jannetty to win the MTW title by rolling through on a crossbody block off the top rope for the pin after more than 25:00. Crowd wasn't into it early but the match was so good and lasted so long that they were going crazy by the end. \*\*\*

6. Dan Severn retained the NWA title beating Bobby Blaze with an armlock in about 5:00. Crowd didn't seem into the style and nobody could take it seriously when Blaze had offense. \*

7. Terry Gordy & Tommy Rich beat Mongolian Stomper & Boo Bradley when Bradley missed a charge into the buckle on Gordy and went down. Gordy then tagged Rich who pinned him. The time between Bradley taking the bump and Rich scoring the pin was too long for believability. \*1/4

8. Brad Armstrong pinned Billy Jack Haynes to win the USWA title. Finish saw Haynes throw Armstrong over the top rope, but Armstrong skinned the cat and used a Russian leg sweep for the victory. The match was short, but said to have been pretty good while it lasted with Haynes impressing everyone. Haynes ended up regaining the title on 8/7 in Memphis. \*\*3/4

9. Undertaker pinned Unabom. Undertaker, along with Shawn Michaels, got the biggest pop on the show. \*\*

10. Before the Rock & Roll Express vs. Thugs tag title match was scheduled to begin, Bob Armstrong came out with Robert Gibson to bury the carcass of the fired Ricky Morton. Bob mentioned about media stories and tried to tie it into the angle between The Thugs and Rock & Rolls that was going on at the same time. He said Ricky and Tracy and their girlfriends, mentioning Andrea Calloway and Angela Lambert, had an altercation and that some serious charges were filed by Morton and Calloway. He said that "we feel those charges are exaggerated or false." Bob said that Morton had stolen Smothers' tag title belt and refused to give it back and had no showed several SMW events (actually in most of the cases it was Cornette asking him not to come to prevent problems) and Bob said he had no choice but to fire Morton. Gibson then said he was sorry that things had gotten out of hand with Smothers & White Boy and said he called Ricky to come to the show and Ricky told him that Rock & Roll can go to hell, and said the Rock & Roll Express as a tag team was dead. Cornette then came out and asked if he could have two of his militia members challenge for the titles, with fans expecting he meant Snow & Unabom. Smothers & White Boy agreed, and the Bodies came out to a surprisingly tepid reaction. It appeared their stint as WWF jobbers hurt their name here a lot, but after about 10:00 of a hot and extremely bloody match, with Tom

Prichard doing a Hase juice job, White Boy hit the Bucksnort blaster on Jimmy Del Rey. However with the ref distracted, Cornette used ether on a towel on White Boy who was pinned by Del Rey. \*\*\*3/4

11. Michaels retained the IC title pinning Buddy Landel. Even though Michaels got a huge babyface reaction coming out, Landel, who is a heel locally but after an interview one week before the show started a turn, got 50% of the cheers, if not more. It appeared to be a gender split with women for Michaels and men for Landel. Michaels missed a superkick and nailed the ref. Cornette then hit the ring but Michaels beat him to the punch and Cornette dropped the tennis racquet. Landel gave Michaels a DDT and his corkscrew elbow finisher and the revived ref counted to two before noticing the tennis racquet in the ring. He picked up the racquet and stopped the count. As Landel and the ref argued, it allowed Michaels to deliver a superkick for the pin. Landel, who on his famous television interview the week before told Cornette not to interfere, started screaming at Cornette for costing him the match. The rest of the Militia (Snow, Unabom, Punisher, Bodies, Gordy, Rich) came out as Landel got in Cornette's face. The Militia surrounded Landel and Michaels until Brad Armstrong ran in and the Militia backed off. Michaels and Armstrong left together but Landel left by himself. \*\*\*3/4

They also shot two major angles backstage during the show. In one, which aired the next morning on the live Memphis television show, PG-13 was doing a babyface interview when Cornette, Mark Curtis and the Bodies all attacked them to set up a PG-13 vs. Heavenly Bodies feud in the Memphis circuit.

The other major angle, for SMW, had Landel tell Cornette he didn't want him at ringside for his SMW title match with Brad Armstrong on 8/13 in Johnson City (which no doubt Cornette will cause Landel to lose and wind up with the turn). Cornette and Landel had words about the situation again.

The continuation of the SMW vs. USWA feud drew another big crowd to Memphis on 8/7. The headline match was a Rage in the cage where the object was to handcuff all members of the opposing team to the cage and the winners get five minutes with the losers. In the match, the USWA team, with heels and faces teaming together, of Jerry Lawler & Bill Dundee & PG-13 & Tommy Rich & Doug Gilbert & Haynes beat the SMW team of Smothers & Gibson & Bodies & Brad Armstrong & Landel & Pat Tanaka (why he's on this team was anyone's guess). As happened the previous night in Louisville, where they drew 2,000 fans and a \$13,600 house, after the USWA team won, Haynes turned on his teammates and along with Brian Lee (who no doubt they'll bring up spent a few years working for SMW) uncuffed the SMW guys and they destroyed Rich and he ended up doing a stretcher job. Besides Haynes earlier regaining the USWA title from Armstrong, the Heavenly Bodies became double champions winning the USWA tag titles from PG-13.

Aside from the big show, they also drew a strong crowd of 750 the next night in Barbourville, KY using PG-13 as the only outside talent. On that show they had Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy over Al Snow & Unabom with the winners getting the title shot later in the show against Heavenly Bodies. Obviously the Thugs won the first match but lost the latter match.

The SMW title, which has been held up the past two months, will be decided on 8/13 in Johnson City between Brad Armstrong and Buddy Landel.

Dirty White Boy's dream match on that show looks to be a singles match against Ron Wright. It'll be the Ron Wright retirement show and they'll be declaring it Ron Wright day in one or day of the neighboring cities. White Boy's hero growing up was Wright and wants to lose to Wright in Wright's final match. The Wright retirement ceremony and maybe an angle or two will be taped in Johnson City but most of the next few weeks of television will be from the Super Bowl show. The Michaels vs. Landel match should air this coming weekend and Undertaker vs. Unabom will air in about two weeks.

The SMW fan week crew attended the USWA show on 8/6 in Louisville which was a sight because they came wearing SMW merchandise in a city where the crowd was totally anti-SMW and the fans needed a police escort out of the building since they were cheering for the SMW screw and were announced over the p.a. before the show as a group of SMW fans coming in from Knoxville. After the show Randy Hales thanked them all for attending.

AUGUST 21, 1995

The weekend had its ups and downs at the gate as the "Fire on the Mountain" show in Johnson City on 8/12 headlined by ten dream matches drew 1,900 fans, but a tag team tournament on 8/13 in Charlotte for the "Carolina Cup" only drew 80 fans.

Brad Armstrong won the held up SMW title in Johnson City in a match which continued the Buddy Landel babyface turn. The match was Armstrong's dream match and he called for a lumberjack match with all the faces as lumberjacks and all with tennis racquets. As it turned out, since Landel is in the midst of a turn, the stipulations never came into play as he never left the ring and thus was never pounded back in. Jim Cornette didn't come out with Landel per Landel's pre-show television interview. Landel got on the house mic and said he was sick of Cornette and the militia and a lot of fans cheered Landel. The finish saw Cornette come to ringside and throw the tennis racquet to Landel. Landel caught in, and then threw it down. With the ref distracted, Armstrong picked up the racquet and used it for the pin. After the match when Landel got up and figured out what happened, he started yelling and screaming at Cornette who finally ran away. As it turned out, Armstrong was the only wrestler who ended up winning his dream match.

The Johnson City show opened with Tommy Rich's dream match, which was him vs. Boo Bradley with Bradley blindfolded. Rich just toyed with him since Bradley was selling the blindfold gimmick. The finish saw Bradley do a loaded boot gimmick and lifted up his blindfold behind the refs back and kicked Rich and pinned him. Then came the Head Bangers' dream match which was supposed to be them against the Rock & Roll Express and if the Express lost, they'd have to wear a dress. They brought out Bob Armstrong to announce that Ricky Morton had been fired (it had already aired on television earlier in the day) and the announcement Morton was fired actually got a big pop. They announced Gibson would have to do it as a handicap match. The Bangers went for their legdrop power bomb double-team finish, but Gibson managed to reverse the positioning so Thrasher legdropped Mosh from the top rope and Gibson pinned him. Buddy Landel then came out and blamed Cornette for costing him the IC title match with Shawn Michaels and basically did his babyface turn

live. Then came Bradley's dream match which was he and Brian Armstrong (subbing for no-show Mongolian Stomper) against Rich & The Punisher in a falls count anywhere match. Bradley set Rich up vertically on a table and charged toward him. Rich moved and Bradley hit the table and Rich pinned him. Bradley beat up the table after the match. Then came a loser of the fall leaves town match with Cornette as referee with Al Snow & Unabom vs. Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy which was Snow's dream match. A lot of fans knew ahead of time that Unabom was getting pinned and they were even shouting Isaac Yankem at him. At one point Cornette threatened the crowd if they wouldn't stop cheering the faces. Finish saw Cornette get bumped, the faces did a double clothesline on Unabom and Smothers covered him as Mark Curtis did a run-in as ref to count the fall. Next up was supposed to be Landel's dream match which was Brad Armstrong vs. mystery opponent. Cornette announced that Landel didn't even contact anyone to be the mystery opponent so he brought in Brian Lee on his own. Cornette said that Lee has been wrestling in the USWA and that he hates SMW. Armstrong won the match but after the match, Cornette and Lee doubled on Brad until Brian made the save. Next up was the Ron Wright retirement ceremony. Among those there were the widows of Sam Bass and Whitey Caldwell, who were big names in the 70s and 60s respectively in the area who both died in car accidents. Caldwell was Wright's biggest rival when they were the top face and heel in the Knoxville area. Wright gave a speech and the Kingsport, TN (Wright's home town) city council announced it was Ron Wright day in Kingsport and gave him the keys to the city. Dirty White Boy then came out and said he still had a dream match that he wouldn't tell anyone about. He said his dream match was to be pinned by Ron Wright in his last pro match so he laid down and Wright pinned him. Actually many fans thought this was going to be an angle where White Boy would turn on Wright. Next up was The Wolfman's dream match with Bob Armstrong vs. Cornette in a first blood match. Punisher kept interfering in the match. Match ended with Cornette hiding under the ring and both Armstrong and Punisher going underneath as well. Punisher came out holding a foreign object, then Cornette came out, and then Armstrong came out all bloody so Cornette was ruled the winner. The semifinal was the Armstrong-Landel title change. The final match saw Heavenly Bodies defend the tag titles against The Thugs. Jimmy Del Rey, White Boy and Smothers all juiced heavy. Match was really hot but way too short ending with Cornette using the racquet for the title-saving DQ finish and the card ended up with major pull-apart. They did another angle backstage where the Bodies were doing an interview and the Thugs attacked them to keep the angle alive.

Smothers & White Boy won the Carolina Cup tag team tournament the next night in Charlotte over the Bodies in the finals. Thugs beat Head Bangers in one semifinal while Bodies beat Bobby Fulton & Boo Bradley in the other.

On the weekend television, they edited out most of what was originally scheduled to air since it involved Morton and did a special report announcing Morton was fired with a clip of Bob Armstrong's announcement at the 8/4 Knoxville show. They also aired the last 5:00 of the Heavenly Bodies tag title win over Thugs from the same card.

AUGUST 28, 1995

Very little this week. The television show this weekend aired clips of most of the matches from the Knoxville show on 8/4 including Undertaker vs. Unabom, Shawn Michaels vs. Buddy Landel and Al Snow vs. Marty Jannetty.

Only two house shows this week, on 8/18 in Lake City, TN they drew only 76 while on 8/19 in Newport, TN for a fair show, they drew 650 fans although it rained until an hour before show time.

A correction from last week. In the "Fire on the Mountain" show in Johnson City on 8/12, during the Thugs vs. Al Snow & Unabom match with Jim Cornette as ref, we reported that Mark Curtis ran in after Cornette was bumped and counted the three on Unabom, causing him to leave for WWF. Actually Curtis grabbed the dazed Cornette's hand and did the count with Cornette's hand.

Cornette rarely pushed match in September figuring with school starting that business isn't going to be good so why waste a good angle. It appears the house shows will be headlined by Brad Armstrong defending the SMW title against either Tommy Rich or Terry Gordy, Heavenly Bodies defending the tag titles against the Thugs and Al Snow vs. Robert Gibson. Expect things to heat up on the October television shows to build up to Thanksgiving weekend.

#### SEPTEMBER 4, 1995

The biggest thing on the television show were clips from the 8/12 Fire on the Mountain show which included Unabom getting pinned in the loser leave town tag team match, was an interview with Bob Armstrong attempting to logically explain the SMW wrestlers being heels at the USWA shows. Armstrong claimed the whole thing started when a few USWA wrestlers (PG-13) appeared on SMW shows and became disruptive influences and disrupted television tapings. Armstrong said how when the SMW wrestlers went to USWA, they were treated shabbily and got raw deals and were the victim of biased hometown officiating. He showed a tape of the match where Billy Jack Haynes regained the USWA title from Brad Armstrong in Memphis which was heavily edited, and claimed USWA sent him the tape edited inferring that a lot of underhanded tactics were used and erased from the tape before he saw them. He said that he's instructed the SMW wrestlers to fight fire with fire and wrestle as dirty as they've been treated when they're in USWA and even when they're in SMW against USWA wrestlers and said that he has been forced to consider the USWA as an enemy promotion.

Shawn Michaels did a post-match interview saying he'd be glad to give Buddy Landel a return title match but gave him the advice that he should dump Jim Cornette first.

The Landel turn still isn't complete. Cornette did an interview with Landel not around saying that he's demoted Landel to a buck private in the militia and would be giving all the title match contracts against Armstrong to Tommy Rich. When Landel showed up, Cornette changed his tune but the two argued and Landel said he was giving Cornette just one more chance.

Next television taping is 9/5 in Cookville, TN which should finalize the turn.

Only house show this past weekend was 8/26 in Morristown, TN before 400 fans. They had an undercard match where the Ninja Turtle (ref Mark Curtis in the costume) pinned Cornette, but after the match The Punisher destroyed the Turtle. Brad Armstrong had a 2/3 fall title defense against Landel. Landel kicked Cornette out from ringside and the two split falls. In the third fall, Cornette and Tommy Rich came out. As Landel saw

Cornette, the two glared at each other and Armstrong dropkicked Landel from behind into Cornette's racquet for the pin. Landel started arguing with Cornette and Rich after the match. Finally Cornette & Rich left for the dressing room with Landel in pursuit, but Landel was locked out of his dressing room and Cornette and Rich threw hit suitcase out the door. The main event was an elimination match with the Militia team (Rich & Terry Gordy & Head Bangers & Punisher) vs. Robert Gibson & Boo Bradley & Mongolian Stomper & Thugs. The final two in were Gordy and Bradley and Cornette tripped Bradley and Gordy pinned him with an elbow drop. Cornette and Gordy kept beating on Bradley after the match until Brad Armstrong came in for the save. Cornette threw powder in Armstrong's eyes and Gordy gave Armstrong two power bombs and Cornette counted as Gordy covered Armstrong for a three count, which is to set up title matches in September and October.

#### SEPTEMBER 11, 1995

The official Buddy Landel turn took place on 9/2 in Barbourville, KY during a tag match with Bob & Brad Armstrong vs. Landel & Tommy Rich. Landel & Rich argued amongst themselves for the entire match. Finally Brad had the sleeper on Landel and Jim Cornette showed up doing the ether on a rag business. While Cornette was spraying the ether, Landel sat down doing a jawbreaker on Brad, breaking the hold. As Cornette turned around with the towel, Landel had broken the hold and Cornette acted stunned and dropped the rag. Brad punched Cornette who rolled out of the ring. Brad then grabbed the rag and smothered Landel with it, threw the rag out of the ring and pinned Landel to win the match. After the match, Landel and Rich started arguing again. Cornette joined in and Landel wound up punching Cornette, knocking him down, and then started doing a number on Rich. As Landel had the figure four on Rich, Terry Gordy did a run-in and Landel caught him with an inside cradle while holding the figure four on Rich (an old Jack Brisco finisher in tag team matches). After running them off, Landel went back after Cornette and gave him a bodyslam and put him in the figure four. At this point The Punisher did a run-in and clocked Landel with a blackjack and everyone destroyed Landel for nearly 10:00 with nobody making the save and Landel in a mild pool of blood. This will probably be furthered at the TV tapings on 9/5.

The other major angle of the weekend started with a television interview taped a few weeks ago where The Thugs (Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers) attacked the Heavenly Bodies and "injured" Tom Prichard's foot. Prichard showed up at the matches in Barbourville (the first card after the television aired) with a silver boot on. Although it didn't come into play during that match, the silver boot appears to be the old loaded boot gimmick that Prichard has used in the past and that was popular in this territory dating back to Ron Wright. The tag match turned into a wild one with the Thugs getting DQ'd in a match that involved all sorts of weapons just as pipes and boards.

Curtis Thompson and Flash Flanagan are headed in to work underneath as babyfaces, at least for a few shots.

Mongolian Stomper, who by our best estimate is 61 years old (and some think that may be a conservative guess although we've always had him listed as being born in 1934), has been working more and was put over in a Battle Royal on a "B" show on 9/2 in Clinton, TN.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1995

They taped four weeks of television on 9/5 in Cookeville, TN before 400 fans. On the first show, which airs on 9/16, They aired a clip of the post-show angle where the Thugs attacked The Heavenly Bodies "injuring" Tom Prichard's leg with the Thugs saying they'll do anything they can to win the title. Bob Armstrong did an interview talking about himself, Buddy Landel situation and the USWA situation and said he's instituting mandatory \$500 fines for using a foreign object and \$250 fines for hitting a ref. Jim Cornette then said Prichard went back home to Houston to get an orthopedic boot (so he'll do the loaded boot gimmick). Al Snow did an interview saying if he couldn't beat Brad Armstrong for the title on that television show that he would be leaving SMW. He said that the only thing Vince McMahon and Eric Bischoff could agree on is that he should be the SMW champion. During another Cornette interview, Cornette and Tommy Rich came out and made fun of Landel calling him a drunk and drug addict and made fun of his family. Landel and Bob Armstrong came out and during the melee Landel hit Punisher with a chair. Armstrong said he's going to pay Landel's \$500 fine himself because he felt Landel was justified and after the beating he took in Barbourville, KY (where they did the angle) he said he was giving him any kind of a match he wanted against Rich. Robert Gibson did an interview and said he's like to take Chris Michaels under his wing and form a tag team with him and challenged the Bodies to a title match. Armstrong defended against Snow and Gordy came to ringside. Armstrong won the match, so that was Snow's last television appearance, and afterwards he and Gordy had a pullapart. Gordy threw the belt he had stolen at Armstrong's feet.

For 9/23, Bodies accepted Gibson's title match challenge. In the match, Prichard kicked Michaels out of the ring with his loaded boot and they doubled on Gibson until he was also kicked with the boot. The Thugs then ran-in causing Gibson & Michaels to be DQ'd. They announced the first Halloween Scream tour for 10/20 in Knoxville, 10/21 in Morristown, 10/27 in Cookeville and 10/28 in Johnson City. Boo Bradley (John Rickner) is out, at least for a while as they did an angle where Punisher used a chair on his leg and he's out with a "broken leg." Bob Armstrong then fined Punisher and challenged Cornette to a match with one hand tied behind his back.

On 9/30, the announcement is made for a Trick or Treat tag match with Terry Gordy & Head Banger Thrasher vs. Brad Armstrong & Wolfman, supposedly all picked from a blind draw. If Armstrong gets pinned, whomever pins him wins the SMW title. If Wolfman gets pinned, he throws \$1,000 to the crowd and he did an interview saying he doesn't know how he'll do it because he doesn't have \$1,000. If Thrasher loses, both he and Gordy get their heads shaved, and if Gordy loses, he takes ten lashes. They announce they wish Bradley a speedy recovery. Landel has a singles match with Head Banger Mosh and Thrasher interfered, but Landel got one in the figure four and small packaged the other for the finish. They announced Landel vs. Rich would have a chain match, a falls count anywhere, a first blood and a barbed wire match during the Halloween shows, calling it the Four Faces of Fear. Cornette did an interview insulting Landel for him talking about religion saying all the down and out losers all of a sudden find religion and called him a drunk and drug addict. Landel did a run-in and the entire Militia attacked him and Cornette poured a beer down his throat. Cornette somewhere also talked about how Rich was his new First Lieutenant because he's never drank alcohol or done drugs in his life which is of course an inside rib. Landel was juiced and left laying, then came out for

an interview quoting from the bible and vowing revenge. Gibson did an interview saying he was tired of being a tag team wrestler and wanted to be a singles wrestler from now on. The Cornette vs. Bob Armstrong match with Bob having one hand tied behind his back saw Punisher interfere for the DQ and Cornette after the match throw powder. Gordy gave Bob a piledriver before everyone ran in for the save.

The final show taped for 10/7 saw Rich vs. Gibson. Rich pulled out a chain but Gibson got it. Rich ended up pulling out a second chain and using it for the pin. Next came an interview with Thugs. Gibson came out and said that he was tired of being a singles wrestler and wanted to be a tag team wrestler and asked Smothers and White Boy if either would be his partner. Both said not at the present time but they'd consider it down the road but right now they were teaming with each other. Bodies then defended the belts against Thugs which saw Punisher and White Boy brawl outside the ring and in the ring Prichard kicked Smothers with the loaded boot for the pin. With Armstrong "injured" from the piledriver, Sandy Scott played the role of interim commissioner and the Thugs asked Scott if they could have a special referee for tag title matches over Thanksgiving against Bodies and Scott agreed, although the identity of the ref wasn't made clear.

On this past week's television, Cornette did an interview talking about Rich never using drugs or alcohol saying that he knows that is true because Rich told him himself.

Biggest show of the weekend was 9/9 in Johnson City before 400 fans. They taped a couple of segments for a movie called "A Box of Moonlight" which isn't a wrestling movie but has wrestling scenes. Landel did two matches under the name Uncle Samson doing a Lex Luger stars'n'stripes gimmick. The first was against Mosh, who went by the name of Fidel Castrator with a fake beard (that nearly came off during the match), a cigar and a machete. He then wrestled Sadaam Insane (Thrasher) in military fatigues who kept trying to cut Landel's hair. Landel won both matches. Gordy stole the title belt after losing via DQ to Brad (although Gordy actually gave the belt back that he stole five days before he stole it due to the wonders of advanced taping). Landel got a great babyface reaction in his first major show in that role going to a double count out with Rich. The Bob Armstrong vs. Punisher first blood match saw Gordy throw a chain to Punisher but Bob got it and used his first.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1995

They ran a fair show in Knoxville on 9/15 which drew an estimated 2,500 as the highlight of the weekend. The headline matches have been Heavenly Bodies over Thugs, Brad Armstrong over Terry Gordy via DQ and Tommy Rich double count out with Buddy Landel at most of the shows.

On television this weekend when they were doing local promos for Saltville, VA, Tracy Smothers challenged Ricky Morton, who lives in Saltville. He called Morton a bleached blond punk and said if he had any guts he'd come down but he knew Morton didn't have any guts.

SMW has shows scheduled for Defiance, OH and Lima, OH in mid-October and there's a good chance Koji Kitao will be working those shows which would certainly be a fish out of water here.

A clarification of the situation regarding Jim Cornette, joining the NWA, Dan Severn and Brad Armstrong. Cornette said that his long-time friend Dennis Coraluzzo and Howard Brody have been asking him about joining the NWA and he wanted to be polite about turning them down but right now has no interest in doing so. In regard to what was reported here, Cornette said it was simply a discussion he had with Brody, who he said was negative about Severn being NWA champion. He didn't suggest Brad Armstrong to be champion or say he'd join if Armstrong was champion or knock Severn in any way because he said he likes Severn. He said that Severn is limited as champion by the old standards because there are only a handful of wrestlers who can be challengers for him and said that in the conversation with Brody he was talking about NWA champions of the past. In the past the champions were guys who could go into a territory and make the local wrestler, no matter what his style was and what his ability was, look good, and who could conduct himself as a wrestler rather than a gimmick. Brody asked if there was anyone he could think of that would fit that bill and Cornette said he came up with Armstrong's name off the top of his head and without any serious thought. He didn't mean that he wanted Armstrong to be champion or that even Armstrong wanted the title, that he wanted Armstrong to have the title and not that he was suggesting Armstrong for the title. He said Severn had more name value in some places than Armstrong because of UFC, but also pointed out that doesn't necessarily correlate to wrestling because Dan Severn was over huge at the UFC show in Charlotte, but when SMW came to Charlotte using Severn just down the road, they only drew 180 fans and none of the wrestling fans that attended seemed to be UFC fans.

OCTOBER 2, 1995

The group only ran two house shows this past week, drawing 1,200 for a fair show in Manchester, TN on 9/21 and 250 in Lenoir, NC on 9/22. The fair show was indoors on a rainy night and the wrestling was about the only thing that was going on indoors. The 9/23 show in Saltville, VA was outdoors on a high school football field and canceled by the local promoters because of cold and rainy weather. They neglected to tell anyone in advance so all the wrestlers showed up to the football field and were in a bad mood when the show was canceled.

OCTOBER 9, 1995

The complete line-up for the 10/20 Halloween Scream tour show in Knoxville has Buddy Landel vs. Tommy Rich in a chain match, Heavenly Bodies vs. Thugs for SMW tag title in a street fight, a stipulation match with Terry Gordy (if he loses he takes ten lashes) & Head Banger Thrasher (if he loses, both he and Gordy get their heads shaved) vs. Brad Armstrong (if he loses he loses the SMW title to whomever pins him) & Wolfman (if he loses, he must throw \$1,000 to the fans) plus Robert Gibson vs. Punisher and Chris Michaels vs. Head Banger Mosh. On 10/21 in Morristown, Landel and Rich meet in a falls count anywhere. 10/27 in Cookeville, TN has Landel vs. Rich in a first blood match. The final Halloween show is 10/28 in Johnson City with Landel vs. Rich in a barbed wire match, Bodies vs. Thugs in a double chain match, the same stip tag match and same underneath prelim matches as Knoxville.

They've also booked two shows on 10/14 in Defiance, OH and 10/15 in Lima, OH at Al Snow's Bodyslammers' Gym. Matches on those shows are Landel vs. Rich, Brad Armstrong defending against Snow, Dirty White Boy vs. D.L. Brown plus

Robert Gibson in a singles match and while not confirmed, most likely Koji Kitao in a singles match as well plus a Battle Royal.

The only show of the weekend was a scaled-down show in Clairfield, TN on 9/29 which drew 75 fans.

The real name of The Punisher is Barry Buchanon.

OCTOBER 16, 1995

Television tapings took place on 10/9 in Harlan, KY. We don't have complete details, but do know that several angles are going to be shot on the 10/20 Knoxville show. Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers announced that Robert Gibson would be the special referee for their match against Heavenly Bodies on 10/28 in Johnson City.

Most of the show was based around the Tommy Rich vs. Buddy Landel feud. Rich wrestled Flash Flanagan, but Landel stole Rich's vest and came to ringside wearing it. Rich freaked out allowing Flanagan to get behind him for the pin. A rematch was made for the next hour of television and again Rich dominated, Landel came out with the vest, and Rich was counted out chasing Landel. After Brad Armstrong beat Head Banger Thrasher, both Bangers beat on him until Wolfman made the save, but that brought in Terry Gordy with a belt who began whipping Wolfman and Armstrong.

They did a television brawl where the Thugs attempted to take the loaded boot off Prichard's foot.

Jos LeDuc will be in for Thanksgiving weekend as Landel's tag team partner against Cornette's militia. LeDuc, now 51, was billed as one of the strongest men in the world. Cornette has been wanting to use LeDuc, who was a big star in the old territory in the late 70s and early 80s, ever since he started the promotion but until he was found for the Memphis Memories show, nobody knew where he was located. Midget Butch Cassidy is also going to work some sort of a deal against Cornette in November.

Gibson wrestled Mosh on TV with both the Bodies and Thugs at ringside. Bodies interfered first tripping Gibson but he kicked out. Thugs then pushed Mosh off the top rope and Gibson pinned him.

Cornette is bringing in a newcomer called Sgt. Rock. No idea who it'll be.

Gordy began whipping Chris Michaels after beating him until Wolfman did a run-in and decked Cornette. Gordy then whipped Wolfman until Armstrong made the save. Armstrong then demanded a match with Gordy right then and there and put up the title. The match ends up going off the air, but they'll show the finish the following week. In the match Brad had Wolfman in the corner. Armstrong kept the title with the Russian leg sweep but afterwards Gordy beat up both Armstrong and Wolfman using the title belts and Armstrong ran-in. Cornette tripped Armstrong and Wolfman went after Cornette.

OCTOBER 23, 1995

Largely a slow week with two spot shows in Oneida, KY before 250 fans on 10/13 and in Defiance, OH for a sold show on 10/14 that drew 200 fans that also included some local wrestlers like Bobo Brazil Jr., Andy Shane, K.C. Thunder and former SMW wrestlers Al Snow and D.Lo Brown. Told the match where Brad Armstrong kept his belt beating Snow was the best match the two have had to date. The 10/15 Lima, OH show was canceled so Koji Kitao, who is in the United States and is expected to appear for Norm Connors in the Pittsburgh area on 10/22, didn't work an SMW date.

It certainly appears that Robert Gibson will be turning heel on the 10/28 Johnson City show where he'll be special ref in a barbed wire match with Gangstas vs. Thugs. Cornette has talked about a new protege called Sgt. Rock which speculation is will turn out to be Gibson. Gibson was making a decent amount of money over the years here selling gimmicks, probably a lot more than he was making from his wrestling pay. By going heel, he'll be giving it up. However, it's better to have a job making less money than not have a job. Supposedly Ricky Morton has been calling Gibson about trying to mend fences and that the Gangstas, who are done in ECW, have called about returning here.

A correction regarding the Halloween gimmick matches with Terry Gordy & Thrasher vs. Brad Armstrong & Wolfman. If Armstrong is pinned in the match in either Knoxville or Johnson City, Gordy gets the title even if it is Thrasher the one who gets the pin on Armstrong.

Flash Flanagan comes in as a regular in November.

OCTOBER 30, 1995

The Halloween Scream tour opened to a poor crowd of 500 fans in Knoxville on 10/20 and a decent crowd of 425 fans the next night in Morristown. In the main bouts on the Knoxville show, Tommy Rich beat Buddy Landel in a chain match when The Punisher interfered. After the match, the entire militia attacked Landel and beat him into a bloody pulp and none of the faces made the save since the gimmick they are doing is that none of the faces have forgiven or trust Landel based on the past. This is to set up the Thanksgiving show on 11/23 with Rich & Punisher facing Landel & Jos LeDuc. LeDuc's best run in the area was in the late 70s which is going back an awful lot of years and counting on some very long memories for it to mean a lot. The general consensus seems to be now that most fans in Knoxville and Johnson City except for the hardcore 500 or so regulars now wait for the WWF stars to come and no matter what they do in regard to angles involving the SMW guys, they are only going to draw so many people. In the other key matches, the Heavenly Bodies retained the tag titles over The Thugs using the loaded boot finish in an excellent match, and Terry Gordy won the SMW title in the Trick-or-treat match. Gordy & Head Banger Thrasher beat Wolfman & Brad Armstrong. Armstrong had Gordy pinned with the leg sweep when Head Banger Mosh interfered and dropped an elbow off the top on Armstrong the flipped the pile with Gordy winning. This sets up a return match on 10/28 in Johnson City with stipulations reversed. Now if Gordy gets pinned in the tag match, Armstrong gets the title back, but if Armstrong loses, he gets whipped with the belt.

While Robert Gibson is likely turning heel as ref in a double chain match with Bodies vs. Thugs in Johnson City, he is definitely not the Sgt. Rock character that Cornette is set to bring in.

The reason Wolfman, who doesn't have a clue, is getting a minor push is because a nutritional supplement company he's affiliated with has become a sponsor of SMW and some of the wrestlers are on the TV commercial for a product that is supposed to work like steroids without the side effects. If someone could actually make a product like that, they wouldn't need to advertise it on SMW television. Part of the deal to sponsor SMW was that in return, Wolfman, who is on the commercial, would get a push.

Also on Thanksgiving, Armstrong and Gordy will square off in Bad Street death matches, which are a new name for the old Country Whipping matches. They are also doing something involving Cornette and midget wrestler Butch Cassidy. Cassidy was debuted at the last taping and challenged Cornette. The militia members held Cassidy while Cornette said that the only thing in the world he liked that was small was shrimp, and then poured catsup on Cassidy. Later in the TV show, Rich wrestled Wolfman and it wound up with Punisher, Landel and Cassidy coming to ringside. It turned into a wild brawl with Punisher choke slamming all three faces.

A recent issue of Rolling Stone had a story on SMW owner Rick Rubin, saying he owned a wrestling company but didn't mention the company by name.

NOVEMBER 6, 1995

The Halloween Scream tour ended on 10/28 in Johnson City, TN before 800 fans paying \$7,000 with the major item being the turn of Robert Gibson. Gibson was refereeing the Heavenly Bodies vs. Thugs SMW tag title match which was a double chain elimination match. Dirty White Boy was pinned first, followed by Tracy Smothers pinning Jimmy Del Rey. This left it as a singles chain match for the tag titles. Smothers had Prichard pinned after giving him a DDT onto a chair when Jim Cornette rolled into the ring for the save. Gibson cut him off and grabbed the tennis racquet. After he looked at Cornette for a second, Gibson used the racquet on Smothers and counted the pin himself. The fans were largely stunned because the place went quiet. Gibson hit White Boy with the racquet as well and beat on both Thugs after the match. This was a three-way juice match. No word on how this will be explained on television. The main event was a barbed wire match with Buddy Landel against Tommy Rich which was a major league bloodbath, particularly from Rich. Landel got the tennis racquet that Cornette threw in, and gave Rich a low blow with it to score the pin. After the match, The Punisher took wire cutters and cut the wire and joined in destroying Landel. During the melee, Rich hit ref Mark Curtis with a chain and the referee juiced as well. Rich, Punisher and Cornette then destroyed Landel for ten minutes as they are doing the angle that none of the faces like Landel either. Cornette over the p.a. kept asking if there is anyone in Johnson City man enough to jump in and save Landel. In the trick-or-treat match, Terry Gordy & Head Banger Thrasher beat Brad Armstrong & Wolfman when after a ref bump, Mosh came off the top rope onto Armstrong, who had Gordy pinned, and Gordy wound up pinning Armstrong. Based on the stip, Armstrong was to get ten lashes, but after a few, Wolfman crawled under the ring and pulled Mosh out where he was hiding, and when the ref saw it, he saved Armstrong from a few of the lashes. The other Halloween Scream show was 10/27 in Cookeville, TN which drew 400 with the same top three matches although this time Bodies vs. Thugs was a street fight with the loaded boot finish and Rich vs. Landel was a first blood with Landel losing due to Punisher interfering.

This sets of Thanksgiving Thunder which will be 11/23 in Knoxville, 11/24 in Barbourville, 11/25 in Johnson City and 11/26 in Cookeville. The shows will have Landel & Jos LeDuc vs. Rich & Punisher with Bob Armstrong at ringside with a baseball bat to make sure nobody runs away, Bodies & Gibson vs. Thugs & mystery partner (no deal is definite, the original plan was for it to be Stan Lane but now it looks like Cornette is trying to find a wrestling bear), Cornette vs. midget Butch Cassidy, Wolfman vs. Sgt. Rock (who debuts at the 11/6 TV tapings) and Thrasher vs. Flash Flanagan. Gordy defends the SMW title against Brad Armstrong in Knoxville in what is billed as a Bad Street death match which is a new moniker for the old Country Whipping match (each guy has a belt and can whip the other with it), but will most likely be losing it because he's got to leave for Japan after the second show of the tour.

NOVEMBER 13, 1995

Highlights from the television taping on 11/6 in Cumberland, KY. Sgt. Rock turned out to be Jacque Moore (Miss Texas) from USWA, who Cornette said was named Jacqueline Rock playing off the Shannon Faulkner deal. In introducing her, Cornette said at one time she was in the Miss Texas beauty pageant. She ended up winning two squash matches over men jobbers who outweighed her by 100 pounds, both times bodyslamming the jobber, having the jobber make a comeback on her, and finally when Cornette distracts the ref, she gives the jobber a low blow and pins them after a DDT. She'll be wrestling Wolfman on the Thanksgiving Thunder shows. As far as the Thugs' mystery partner at the Thanksgiving shows against the Heavenly Bodies & Robert Gibson, it's still a mystery because as of television, Cornette hadn't found a partner so on TV they simply said they'd reveal the partner that night. Cornette's original plan was to use Stan Lane as a babyface, however Lane was having eye surgery so canceled the booking although there is some talk he may come in for the Christmas shows in the same slot. His second choice was to get a wrestling bear, however he found out that was against Tennessee law.

Cornette is billing Terry Gordy as appearing on all the Thanksgiving shows even though he's only going to appear on the first night because of him being part of the NWA tag team tournament for the IWA in Japan. The rationale for this false advertising is apparently that if he didn't advertise Gordy as being on all the shows and only on the first show which is the one he's appearing on, fans would figure out that Brad Armstrong was going to beat Gordy on Thanksgiving night in Knoxville--the first night of the tour to win the title. Apparently Tommy Rich will work twice the rest of the nights and challenge Armstrong. One thing about promoting wrestling, it enables you to convince, at least yourself, of anything.

Gibson, now called the King of Rock, explained his turn by saying that his former partner turned his back on him and that all the babyfaces like The Thugs were jealous of him and that Cornette helped him win the tag titles over Christmas and he was the only one in the last year who ever helped him with anything.

Wolfman did an interview saying that he's never hit a woman before and was going to go to Bob Armstrong and have the match with Sgt. Rock canceled. However, she blinded Wolfman and along with Cornette, beat him up until he made his own save chasing them away.

They did a skit where midget Butch Cassidy said he realized he made a mistake wrestling Cornette in a singles match because Cornette was so much bigger than him and offered Cornette a gift. Cornette came out and opened the box and it contained a plastic bag. Cornette started making remarks about him being so dumb he forgot to put the present in the bag. Cassidy then put the bag over Cornette's head and was choking him out until Punisher made the save, which took a long time and Cornette turned blue.

Gordy did a squash match with Sgt. Rock in the corner and she whipped jobber Ron Davis with the SMW title belt until Wolfman ran in, but Gordy jumped him and Rock whipped him as well until Brad Armstrong ran in and whipped Gordy.

Smothers and Gibson had a face-to-face argument where Smothers said the previous feud between the two was a misunderstanding and it was nobody's fault, but what happened in Johnson City was Gibson's fault and Smothers started beating up on Gibson until Cornette and Jimmy Del Rey (Prichard hadn't arrived yet) ran in and eventually White Boy made the save.

Prichard, who moved back to Houston when he got the WWF job, had his first flight from Houston fogged in and as a second flight was on the ground, he got off the plane, took a flight to Nashville, and drove from Nashville to Cumberland, KY arriving at about 9 p.m. The vast majority of wrestlers when the flight connections fell through would have simply blown off the show.

Rich & Punisher had a match against Flash Flanagan & Bobby Blaze. Rich posted Flanagan and knocked him out so Blaze fought both until Buddy Landel came out in his corner. Landel tagged in and had Rich in the figure four when Cornette interfered for the DQ. Butch Cassidy began beating up on Cornette when Sgt. Rock attacked Cassidy. Wolfman then did a run-in but never got a shot at Rock. Landel then announced he was forming a militia of his own with Jos LeDuc, Cassidy and Wolfman.

Another TV match was Bodies & Gibson over Thugs & Brad Armstrong. Gordy did a run-in and he and Armstrong brawled to the back leaving it as a 3-on-2. Finally as White Boy had Del Rey pinned, Prichard kicked him with the loaded boot for the pin. The heels continued to beat on the faces after until Armstrong made the save.

What was announced at the taping for the Christmas show is an elimination tournament with Landel, Rich, Punisher and Armstrong where the winner of the tournament will be SMW's representative in the WWF Royal Rumble. They'll also have Landel vs. Punisher in a taped fist match as they did a match where Landel had Punisher in the figure four but Cornette interfered for the DQ. As Landel had Cornette in the figure four, Punisher came off the top rope with a legdrop and then taped his fist and the gimmick is he shut Landel's eye with the taped fist. Also on the Christmas shows will be Wolfman & Butch Cassidy vs. Cornette & Sgt. Rock

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Not a lot this week with the biggest show on 11/11 in Morristown, TN before the regular crowd of 400 with the top three matches having Buddy Landel over Tommy Rich in a cage match, Heavenly Bodies keeping the tag titles over The Thugs in a hospital elimination match, and in a non-title match

with the loser getting ten lashes, Brad Armstrong beat Terry Gordy.

Flash Flanagan debuted as a regular losing to Robert Gibson in the openers.

Brad Armstrong missed the 11/9 show in Lenoir, NC because his uncle was thought to have needed a kidney transplant and Bob was going to donate his, but as it turned out, the uncle's condition wasn't that serious.

Landel missed the 11/10 show in Oak Ridge, TN because of a contagious stomach virus, but was okay to work the next night. Lenoir drew 325 and Oak Ridge drew 125.

Next weekend's shows were all canceled so there won't be any wrestling here until Thanksgiving Thunder.

The Christmas Chaos dates will be 12/25 in Knoxville, 12/26 in Barbourville, 12/18 in Cookeville, TN, 12/29 in Lenoir, NC and 12/30 in Johnson City.

DECEMBER 4, 1995

Smoky Mountain Wrestling has closed up shop after a four year-run.

The announcement was made to the wrestlers during intermission at the house show on 11/26 in Cookeville, TN by President Jim Cornette. Cornette told the wrestlers that, barring a miracle, it would be the group's final show. At the end of the show, in a symbolic gesture, after the main event, all the faces and heels joined in, including the Heavenly Bodies, in attacking Cornette and leaving him for dead in the middle of the ring and he was carried back to the dressing room.

The promotion, which peaked in popularity in 1994, had suffered through a largely dismal 1995 year at the box office with the exception of a few strong houses for major shows. The group, which had been run on a shoestring for much of its existence, had reportedly been in shaky financial condition numerous times and was able to save itself in the clutch with strong enough houses on major shows to keep things solvent. Cornette was apparently counting on his annual Thanksgiving Thunder tour this past weekend during what, traditionally, has been the strongest weekend of the year to draw at live wrestling events, to be the saving grace once again. Cornette was hoping to do business at about the level of the Thanksgiving weekend last year, but the four shows ended up drawing \$13,000 less than the previous year and that finally convinced him that you can't run a regional territory (with the exception of Memphis which doesn't pay for its television production which is a major cost) successfully nowadays.

He was expecting, or at least hoping that the traditionally strong shows would enable him to begin paying off debts which reportedly had mounted to about \$29,000, including \$22,500 in television production costs. He had fallen behind in paying the wrestlers over the past few weeks and cancelled the scheduled shows the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. His main backer, music executive Rick Rubin, had decided in August not to send more money to fund the company because the company had ceased making any forward progress. Without the backer, the company couldn't keep up on its bills, even though Cornette had become almost legendary in his ability to run on a shoestring.

"I've done everything I think I can do," said an exhausted and worn-out Cornette. "Up until last year we were showing good growth. This past year we cut expenses, but every time we would get extra money, some costs would come up to offset it. We cut costs this year but we took in less and never could come out ahead."

Cornette said that after he made the announcement largely saying that they had run out of money, the next day other wrestlers, in particular Buddy Landel and Tracy Smothers came to him with backers who were willing to put money in and keep the company afloat. Cornette considered it all day Monday and didn't come to a final decision until Monday night. He said after thinking it over, he felt that even though they could continue it with the new money, it was time to end it. Although numerous companies in wrestling, in fact there is a longstanding wrestling tradition, have been kept afloat basically by "mark" money men, including many today, Cornette couldn't see any real chance for a significant turnaround both because he had used his best ideas, and because he felt the wrestling environment, which he believes to be in its worst shape in history, was only going to get worse. He said after talking with Landel and Smothers, he didn't want to take people's money when there was no real hope of running a profitable business. He said he was really touched by the reaction of the wrestlers in trying to help him get new money and what happened. He described Monday as feeling like he was in the shoes of Jimmy Stewart in the final scene of "It's a wonderful life." He will continue to work WWF television tapings but that's all, at least for the present. He said there was enough money on the table to keep SMW going for another month or maybe even six months, but ultimately he was convinced the company would never be profitable and why waste so much time and energy when the end result was going to be the same and it would just to delaying the inevitable. In addition, Cornette admitted he's run himself ragged and was completely exhausted because he delegated very little work and had very little in the way of help aside from Sandy Scott and Brian Hildebrand (Mark Curtis) in getting any office work done because the company couldn't afford to pay for help.

"I suggested he take a month off and let us run it," said Hildebrand. "I've had so many phone calls from people begging me to not let this promotion go down."

Smoky Mountain Wrestling debuted on October 30, 1991 in Greenville, SC with a television taping that was largely kept a secret from all but those who worked the show. Cornette started the company with Tim Horner and Sandy Scott, through the backing of American Recordings President Rick Rubin and area radio personality Cat Collins, both long-time pro wrestling and Jim Cornette fans from his days as the top manager in wrestling with Jim Crockett's Mid Atlantic promotion. They started running two or three shows every weekend the following May, but were never able to consistently show a profit although there were many profitable months. The company showed numerous positive growth signs as business consistently, but slowly, grew. The growth was slower than Cornette had expected, but it was still growth and enough to keep him enthusiastic. When that trend stopped, and reversed itself and Cornette felt he had no ideas that were going to turn things around, the frustration began. Rubin had come to the conclusion a few months back that since the company didn't appear to be making any progress, he didn't want to put more money into it. Cornette kept things going but fell behind in paying wrestlers and the production studio and other outside bills and was hoping this weekend would be profitable enough that he could start catching up on company bills. When that

didn't prove to be the case and there was no source of money coming in, he couldn't afford to run the scheduled television taping on 12/4. Without filming new shows, it would be a clear signal the end was near to the fans. He decided it was time to close the promotion while the money he owed didn't get so insurmountable that he wouldn't be able to ever clear the debt. When making the announcement, he told all the wrestlers that he would eventually pay back all the money owed.

Cornette's Thanksgiving night show in Knoxville drew about 1,100 fans and \$10,000, which was below last year but not a disaster. However, the other major weekend show, on 11/25 in Johnson City, drew a miserable 550 fans and \$4,800. While he admitted that the cards weren't as good as last year, nor was the booking or the television as good, he was disappointed that on what is traditionally the best weekend to draw of the year that they showed such little life after four years.

"I couldn't foresee an upturn in business and had exhausted every possible source for new revenue."

Cornette, 34, quit a \$150,000 per year job with WCW basically out of hatred for that company and to follow up on his long-time dream of running a territory out of Knoxville similar to the Southeastern Championship Wrestling office that he would watch as a kid from his friends house growing up in Louisville as they would adjust his huge TV antenna. After four years, of which the company never showed consistent profit, he admitted that the pressure and stress of running the company had turned him into, in his own words, a raving psychopath and his legendary temper caused him to develop a track record that backed up those words.

Cornette still maintains that it wasn't that the style of wrestling he was trying to produce that was outdated as much as the nature of the television industry had changed. No longer could a small company produce a show for little money and get it on the local station and make money from doing house shows. Cornette believed that his successful promotion of major shows, such as the Night of the Legends in August of 1994 and the Super Bowl of Wrestling in August of 1995 which both drew nearly 5,000 fans and gates near \$40,000 showed that when presented right, his old-style wrestling still worked. However, the costs of not only producing television but of buying television times in different markets created an overhead that the house shows were never able to cover. Although there were many reasons for the demise of the company and the inability to ever consistently turn a profit, Cornette felt the key reason was the change in the television marketplace. With the introduction of infomercials and new networks like Fox and WB taking up so many hours of programming on formerly independent stations, and competition from other wrestling groups willing to buy time in his markets, to get on television on any broadcast station even in his smaller markets cost the company between \$600 and \$1,500 per week per station. When he first started out, he was expecting to run a much larger territory, stretching into Lexington, KY and with regular stops in cities of some size like Greenville, SC, Roanoke, VA and Charleston, SC and running spot shows in small cities off the television in those markets. Before the television industry changes, which he felt in recent years were even more significant than the changes in the wrestling industry, a regional promotion could simply provide a tape to a medium-sized station which would run it in a good weekend time slot because wrestling, particularly in the South, historically drew great ratings. The cost of getting television in the above mentioned markets was more than he felt he could make up by running the cities, and ended up with a scaled-

down version of what his initial plans for the territory were. The company was based on only two cities with any real size--Knoxville and Johnson City. Because he lacked TV markets, he never got up to his original goal of running 20 house shows per month. While Knoxville and Johnson City had both their successes and failures, even at their best, they were never going to draw enough to carry a full-time circuit. While he could have saved cost of television production by working a deal with USWA and using their one hour Memphis tape as his television show, he felt that Knoxville and Johnson City wouldn't be able to draw well off that television show and the geographic distance between the two sides of Tennessee would eventually run the wrestlers ragged.

"I believe I proved that people will still come to see (old-style) wrestling. It just costs so much more to get it to them (to produce television and buy time slots)."

Cornette's SMW had both high and low points in its four-year run. The high points were his major shows, the two mentioned before, a couple of Bluegrass Brawl shows in Pikeville, KY and other shows given tags like Christmas Chaos, Thanksgiving Thunder, Volunteer Slam and Sunday Bloody Sunday not only drew solid crowds but had genuinely excellent heat and top-flight action. At its peak, SMW for a brief period of time actually was outdrawing WCW, an amazing feat considering the respective talent and resource differences. The booking and television at its peak may have been the best in wrestling at the time, although over the past year that was no longer the case as Cornette seemed to have exhausted his best angles and in pinching pennies ended with a show that had a third-rate look to it compared with his competitors. Over the long haul, it was impossible to compete with big money alternatives, even if they were presenting a product not as in-tuned with his specific market and they were never able to convince him that his style wasn't superior. Even his large competitors and non-competitors like WCW and WWF are no longer able to consistently run profitable house shows and need ancillary income, in particular PPV, to keep them afloat and even with that both companies will lose far more money than SMW this year but they have the advantage of having the deep pockets.

Eventually the company was forced into a number of Catch-22 situations, such as Cornette making a deal with WWF, something he had previously vowed he would never do. WWF gave Cornette some big name talent at times, and he had nothing but good things to say about how cooperative the company was with him, which helped him draw his biggest houses. It also gave the local fans the impression that SMW wrestlers weren't the calibre of stars as WWF stars and that SMW was a feeder system to the WWF, whose style never really caught on in that part of the country as evidenced by the fact WWF stopped running those markets. However, many fans in Knoxville and Johnson City were content to wait for the WWF stars to come. After a while, it didn't matter how strong an angle Cornette ran with his local wrestlers, it didn't seem to help the house as they continued to draw basically the same small core audience unless outsiders were brought in. Cornette and the Heavenly Bodies being the top heel act for most of SMW's existence, but then being opening match performers in WWF and Cornette being more of a comic buffoon figure with no heat put on him created a dichotomy locally. Cornette tried to explain it by saying his fans and people in his area didn't watch WWF because they never came up and talked with him about WWF angles. Nevertheless, Cornette's ability to get decent WWF payoffs from doing their PPV events helped keep the company afloat as long as it did. In hindsight, perhaps the key blow to the territory was when the Bodies left for the WWF

in August of 1994. Whether it was the absence of the Bodies or their replacements as the top heel act, The Gangstas, or a combination of both that led to crowds falling, however one wants to explain it, the spot show business largely sputtered to a halt. Cornette admitted he stayed with The Gangstas for too long, but said he also had nobody else available to put in the spot. By the time the Bodies returned this year, the territory was weaker and they were so established as a weak second-rate almost jobber team in the WWF that they no longer had the same impact on top. Others point to disastrous spot show business when Cornette decided to build the company around Buddy Landel as the top babyface. Landel, who had never been put in a position to carry a territory in a face role, got a great reaction at the cities, but crowds, particularly outside of Knoxville, were weak for his matches against Cornette's militia.

Cornette did make amends in the final week of the promotion with Ricky Morton in a deal put together one day before Thanksgiving. Morton's arrival in SMW in 1992 and the re-birth of the Rock & Roll Express put SMW on the wrestling map and largely carried the territory on the face side for most of its existence. In August, after an outside the ring brawl between Morton's and Smothers' girlfriends caused bad blood between the two and eventually led to Morton's girlfriend filing charges, Morton was fired. When Morton's girlfriend, Andrea Calloway, agreed to drop all charges a few weeks back, it opened a possible door for Morton's return. However, it wasn't until Cornette got back from the WWF television tapings on Wednesday, when he realized that Jos LeDuc wasn't going to call him back (they had last spoken on Sunday when LeDuc told Cornette he was suffering from diabetes but expected to make the dates but said he'd call back the next day, and then never called back), that he needed a babyface to fill the mystery partner role (Bob Armstrong was originally slated for the spot after Stan Lane was unavailable due to eye surgery and Cornette found out about a Tennessee state law against bears wrestling humans) with the Thugs against the Bodies and Robert Gibson. In Knoxville, the Thugs brought Morton out, covered in a sheet, and he got a huge reaction when they pulled the sheet off.

The stress of running the company started taking its toll over the past year plus. There was the incident where he smashed in the windows of former employee K.C. O'Connor's car with a baseball bat after an argument over money O'Connor claimed he was owed and a video camera of Cornette's that O'Connor wouldn't return. There were death threats and grudges that are carried to this day against writers who wrote unfavorable articles about his booking and his company, particularly during the Gangstas period. The Gangstas gimmick, Cornette's most controversial and also largely unsuccessful where it counted despite many people thinking it was a great gimmick, came when he attempted to exploit what he believed were the racism of people in the small cities he toured to pick up the houses. Whether it didn't work because people weren't as racist as he believed, or because, as he believes it, they drew the wrong kind of heat, the kind of heat that kept people from going to the matches rather than buying tickets and cussing out the heels, it wound up in the spot shows being badly weakened. For the most part, those cities never recovered and by the time the Bodies returned, the WWF had faded their star appeal. Cornette was able to rationalize his way out of false advertising of talent and not delivering on advertised stipulations, with the old wrestling adage that as long as the face loses the negative stip you don't have to honor it because fans don't want to see anything bad happen to the face. He'd build to climactic ends of his personal storyline feud with Bob Armstrong where either one or the other would have to leave town, or where they could

never feud again, but eventually, everything was back as usual with Armstrong chasing Cornette every summer with his baseball bat. While it was a classic feud the first time, the long-time veteran hard-as nails local hero against the sissy out of shape smart-mouthed heel, after the fourth or fifth reprise, it had the feeling of *deja vu*.

Even with the minimal resources, Cornette's creativity and booking acumen was enough to garner a second place finish (behind All Japan) as the best wrestling television show in the 1993 Observer awards, and Cornette that year was named Booker of the year. He finished third for Booker of the year in 1994.

But eventually the talent stagnated. Between having loyalty to the guys who were there and built the territory, Cornette's belief it hadn't become successful enough to pay anyone enough to justify their moving from other parts of the country (he had both successes--Chris Candido and Tammy Fyfch, and failures--Chris Jericho and Lance Storm, in previous attempts), and with little new marketable talent being developed that wouldn't immediately be snatched away from larger offices that in many ways were even more desperate, he was left with basically the same crew. His veterans were mainly solid but unspectacular workers, who knew psychology and how to play traditional face and heel roles. Maybe a few could get picked up by WWF or WCW, although most probably would be filling underneath roles if they got in. Most of the talent was said to be for the immediate future attempting to get booked into the Memphis territory or with Bert Prentice's group. Cornette believed in the style of strong face and heel roles and the same basic tricks and angles that made Southern wrestling so successful in the 70s through the mid-80s and hated most of the changes in product in recent years to more spectacular and more choreographed high spots and less crowd baiting. Most of his guys could turn in a good interview, and people like Cornette and Bob Armstrong were two of the best, after a few years of hearing everyone's best line over-and-over, in an area where interviews were traditionally a strong part of getting fans to buildings, they had also seen everyone deliver their best shots. Nobody was getting any younger. Nobody younger was available who was well-rounded enough to take their place. Cornette looked at the end of the long dark tunnel, and suddenly on Sunday evening, he realized after looking as far out as he could, he couldn't see any light at the other end.

In the company's last weekend of existence, the SMW title changed hands twice. Brad Armstrong won the title on 11/23 in Knoxville beating Terry Gordy with a leg sweep onto a chair. The finish was a cover story for the announcement that Gordy had suffered a concussion and missed the rest of the shows (he was actually leaving for an IWA tour). Then on 11/25 in Johnson City, Tommy Rich beat Armstrong for the title in a long drawn out match (because they were stalling for time to allow Ricky Morton to drive in from Virginia for the main event since he had a prior booking and also because Rich appeared to be out of it to the point he called ref Mark Curtis over the p.a. by his real last name of Hildebrand). Rich tried to use a chain but Armstrong beat him to the punch, but then Cornette threw him a second chain which he used for the win. In Knoxville, Buddy Landel announced that his father had a heart attack and he'd been out of town with him and had lost touch with Jos LeDuc, and when he went to the airport for the flight LeDuc was supposed to be on, he wasn't there and he didn't know what happened. At that point Cornette and the militia surrounded him but Bob and Brad Armstrong made the save, and Bob promised Landel he'd find him a partner for the tag match, which ended up being Bob under the mask as The

Bullet. Even though the television was largely built around LeDuc with all the old clips of him cutting his arm with an axe, breaking a bottle over his head, pulling a bus and other feats of strength, nobody in either Knoxville or Johnson City seemed upset when they announced he wouldn't be there. In Johnson City, the story changed with Landel saying LeDuc wouldn't be there because of an illness in his family.

They also ran an angle in Knoxville with Terry Landel, the promoter of the creatively named independent group Tennessee Mountain Wrestling, that Morton had worked with in his absence. During the show Landel heckled both Cornette and Buddy Landel before he was hauled off by police.

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Here's the basic situation regarding the various talent in this promotion and future plans. At this point the USWA is only going to take Tracy Smothers full-time, although practically everyone in the promotion except for Dirty White Boy has called. Buddy Landel will be working the WWF TV tapings on 12/18 and 12/19 and the Royal Rumble, although that was scheduled all along before SMW folded as SMW was going to hold a tournament over Christmas to determine its rep into the Rumble which Landel was going to win. Landel will get a closer look by WWF officials, but with them already having too many wrestlers for the amount of work they can provide, it won't be as easy as in the past for a newcomer to get a job. Aside from that, he's expected to work area indies. Ricky Morton will continue to work area indies. Robert Gibson may do some teaming with Morton but it doesn't look to be full-time, as we've heard he plans to move from Knoxville back to Pensacola and work in the family construction business along with doing a wrestling school there. White Boy will only work indies near the area and work in his father's plumbing business. Of course The Heavenly Bodies debuted with ECW over the weekend, which was pretty much their only alternative since WWF won't use Del Rey because he was named in a lawsuit in Southern California along with Tatanka and until the case has been cleared, neither will be brought in. The Head Bangers went to Dallas, and apparently also have a WWF try-out scheduled. Tommy Rich will be working area indies and starts with Bert Prentice's North American group on 12/13. Punisher has returned to working indies in North Georgia. Flash Flanagan will probably return to Indianapolis indies. Brad Armstrong has left for Germany for one show and is expected to try and get a more regular deal there in 1996. Terry Gordy will continue to work for IWA in Japan. In attempting to pay off their debt, the group will be continuing to sell videotapes and merchandise.

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## SMW

I'm saddened that SMW has folded. In the course of four years, Jim Cornette led what was at one time the hottest promotion in the country through a series of ups and downs. He always made more of what he had to work with than probably anyone else would have been able to. I had the privilege of working with Cornette during what I feel was SMW's strongest period and feel a few observations are in order.

Cornette took a band of castaways and produced a show that people disgusted by the Jim Herd regime of WCW could be excited by. SMW was hailed for its sensible booking, coherent storylines and emphasis of quality performances over sterile big-money production. Cornette knew there was a market

niche for plain old-style rasslin and filled it. His sense of humor was indelibly stamped on every show and it made SMW a hot commodity. One actually had to go through trouble to get it through either a tape trade or finding it on some backwoods UHF station and that made savoring every hour even sweeter. Talent the big companies had little or no interest in were made stars. Do you really think if Cornette hadn't given Chris Candido a forum to display his skills that WWF would have ever given a job to someone his size? The fact SMW was the first small promotion to be recognized on television by both WCW and WWF speaks volumes for the quality of the product.

When Cornette offered me a job, I was overwhelmed. I was impressed by the sense of comraderie among the boys. There was no in-fighting, back-stabbing or jealousy. My opinion of most pro wrestlers as ignorant carnal scumbags was shattered. Everyone seemed to be proud to be part of this renegade promotion that broke all the rules of what the corporate types thought pro wrestling should be.

After the infamous Wise, VA incident, the very people who had previously hailed Cornette as the savior of wrestling began to vilify him as Public Asshole No. 1. Cornette's personal disagreements with his employees and certain bedroom journalists began to overshadow his work. People who couldn't write, interviewing people who couldn't talk for people who couldn't read began to bait him in print so they might get five seconds of fame by being cursed out by him. I don't blame him for having no patience with incompetent never has beens. He juggled overseeing every aspect of a full-time wrestling company with a WWF schedule without playing the corporate game of letting shit run downhill.

Toward the end, budget limitations combined with something sorely lacking in this business, a sense of loyalty to the guys who stuck with him through the lean times, apparently caused Cornette to keep recycling the same talent. The resulting decline in interest led to SMW's ultimate demise. If there is any justice in wrestling, and that's a big if, Cornette will be given a creative position with a company that could provide the financial backing to put his booking genius to good use.

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Some thoughts about Jim Cornette and SMW. I got a call from Buddy Landel the Monday after the shutdown. Landel knows how much I love old-style wrestling. He knows of my background in country music promotion. He also knows about my business success and financial position and also my respect for Cornette and his work in keeping his promotion alive. As you might guess, Landel's call had to do with me putting money into SMW to keep it afloat. I told Landel that if Cornette wanted to call me, I'd be willing to discuss it.

Let me point out that Cornette doesn't know me. He could have easily assumed, as is often the case in wrestling, that I was a "money mark" who would hand over a check just for the privilege of being in the wrestling business. The opposite is true. I would have invested in Cornette, but only if operating procedures had been changed and ideas implemented that I believe would have made the business move toward profitability. In fact, Cornette and I would have probably made a great team, each having strengths to complement the other.

Let me repeat that Cornette could have and probably did assume that I was a mark Landel had lined up to keep things

going a while longer. Cornette didn't call me, instead sending word through Landel that he didn't think the promotion could be turned around and didn't want to lose anyone else's money. Few people would have acted with that much integrity in that situation.

Tom Gentry  
Knoxville, Tennessee

I'm writing this in response to the letter written by Jim Cornette that appeared in the 11/20 Observer. I've been a fan of Cornette's since his days in the Jim Crockett Mid Atlantic promotion. Though I haven't always agreed with what he's said or has done, I have always supported him. It is at this point that I can no longer do that.

While I mourn the loss of another wrestling organization, I can't agree that the blame lies with the two most powerful companies in the United States. I find it ironic that he blasted WCW and ECW in his letter but conveniently forgot about the WWF. I haven't agreed with nor liked all the angles in WCW or ECW but I do enjoy watching both products. The fans of ECW appear to enjoy the violence and the wrestlers that the organization offers them and that is their prerogative. Some of the violence turns me off but I accept that is their niche and I respect that.

I'm also turned off by Cornette and Paul Heyman's constant bashing of WCW and Eric Bischoff's constant bashing of WWF. Now that Cornette and Heyman no longer get paychecks from Ted Turner, they feel the need to abuse the organizations that gave each their national exposure and a high paying job. Now Cornette drinks from the fountain of Vince McMahon and you hear nothing bad about that company coming from him.

Eric Covil  
Murray, Kentucky

#### APPENDIX I: SMW HOUSE SHOW RESULTS

##### 1991

**10/31 Greeneville, SC (SMW TV Tapings):** Robert Gibson b Killer Kyle, Brian Lee b. Barry Horowitz, Tim Horner b. Joe Cazana, Paul Miller b the Black Scorpion, Bobby Fulton b Ivan Koloff, Bob Holly b Tim Fry, Paul Orndorff b Rip Rogers, Scott Armstrong b Dutch Mantell – DQ, Tommy & Jackie Fulton b Ivan & Vladimir Koloff

##### 1992

**1/9 Athens, TN (SMW):** Scheduled per WON, results unavailable

**1/10 Morristown, TN (SMW):** Scheduled per WON, results unavailable

**1/11 Knoxville, TN (SMW):** Scheduled per WON, results unavailable

**2/?? Knoxville, TN (SMW TV Tapings):** Danny Davis b Barry Horowitz, Bob Holly b Tommy Angel, Carl Styles b Reno Riggins, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden – DQ, Bob Holly b Joey Maggs, Terry Gordy b Tommy Angel, Paul Orndorff b Barry Horowitz, Brian Lee b Carl Styles, Hector Guerrero b TJ Travis, Jimmy Golden, Ivan & Vladimir Koloff b Ben Jordan,

Reno Riggins & Rocky Patterson, Dirty White Boy b Rikki Nelson, Killer Kyle b Jerry Lynn, Tim Horner b Rip Rogers

**3/12 Knoxville, TN (SMW TV Tapings):** Robert Gibson b Joe Cazana, Hector Guerrero b Keith Hart, Bob Holly b Paul Miller, Rip Morgan & Jack Victory b Johnny & Davey Rich, Bobby & Jackie Fulton & Tommy Rogers b Jimmy Golden, Billy Black & Joel Deaton, Dirty White Boy b Joey Maggs, Jimmy Golden b Tommy Angel, Brian Lee b Joe Cazana, Jackie & Bobby Fulton b Billy Black & Joel Deaton, Dixie Dynamite b Barry Horowitz, Tim Horner b TJ Travis, Killer Kyle b Keith Hart, Dirty White Boy b Paul Miller

**3/13 Newport, TN (SMW):** Prelims unavailable, Jackie & Bobby Fulton vs. Jimmy Golden & Bob Holly, Brian Lee vs. Dirty White Boy, Bob Armstrong & Tim Horner vs. Stan Lane & Jim Cornette

**3/14 Louden, TN (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite vs. Bob Holly, Bob Armstrong vs. Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee vs. Dutch Mantell, Bobby & Jackie Fulton vs. Stan Lane & Jim Cornette

**4/4 Oakwood, VA (SMW):** Tim Horner vs. Dirty White Boy, Bobby & Jackie Fulton vs. Buddy Landel & Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee vs. Dutch Mantell

**4/9 Sneedville, TN (SMW):** Bob Holly b Ben Jordan, Joe Maggs & Danny Davis b Ivan & Vladimir Koloff, Paul Orndorff b Hector Guerrero, Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Brad & Bart Batten, Robert Gibson b Rip Rogers, Paul Orndorff b Davey Rich, Buddy Landell b Reno Riggins, Dixie Dynamite b Carl Styles, Bob Holly b Bart Batten, Jimmy Golden b Davey Rich, Brian Lee b Joe Cazana, Killer Kyle b Reno Riggins, Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Joey Maggs & Danny Davis, Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Jack Victory & Rip Morgan

**4/23 Harrogate, TN (SMW TV Tapings):** Joey Maggs b Ben Jordan, Robert Gibson b Barry Horowitz, SMW Tag Team Championship Finals: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton, Doug Furnas b Joe Cazana, Dirty White Boy b Ben Jordan, Buddy Landel b Danny Davis, Buddy Landel won \$5,000 Battle Royal, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy

**5/16 Hazard, KY (SMW – 125):** Killer Kyle b Rex Hargrove, Dixie Dynamite b Dutch Mantell, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, Bob Armstrong Referee: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy

**5/17 Beckley, WV (SMW):** Thunder Tiger b Master of Disaster, Dixie Dynamite b Dutch Mantell, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden, Bob Armstrong Referee: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Brad & Bart Batten b Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard – DQ

**5/22 Knoxville, TN (SMW Volunteer Slam – 1,000):** Joey Maggs & Hector Guerrero b Rip Rogers & Barry Horowitz \*\*1/4, SMW title tourney: Dirty White Boy b Dixie Dynamite \*1/4, Brian Lee b Buddy Landel \*1/4, Paul Orndorff b Tim Horner \*1/2, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden 3/4\*, Lee b Dirty White Boy \*\*, Orndorff b Gibson 3/4\*, SMW tag titles: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Davey & Johnny Rich \*\*\*1/2, SMW title final: Lee b Orndorff – DQ \*3/4 to become first SMW champion

**5/25 Spartanburg, SC (SMW TV Tapings – 400):** Rip Rogers b Johnny Del Rio, Brian Lee b Barry Horowitz, Dirty White Boy b Tommy Angel, Brad & Bart Batten b Joe Cazana & Scott Sandlin, Jimmy Golden b Ben Jordan, Paul Orndorff b Dixie

Dynamite, Robert Gibson b Paul Lee, Killer Kyle b Tommy Angel, Johnny & Davey Rich b Joe Cazana & Scott Sandlin, Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee – DQ, Danny Davis b Rip Rogers, Buddy Landel b Joey Maggs, Dixie Dynamite b Paul Lee, SMW tag title: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Tim Horner & Robert Gibson \*\*\*1/2

**6/4 Tazwell, VA (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite b Killer Kyle, Hector Guerrero b Buddy Landel – DQ, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Brad & Bart Batten b Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell, Non-title match: Robert Gibson & Tim Horner b Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard, Gibson won Battle Royal

**6/5 Knoxville, TN (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite b Dutch Mantell, Dirty White Boy b Joey Maggs, Robert Gibson b Killer Kyle, Buddy Landel b Tim Horner for “\$5,000 battle royal money”, SMW tag titles: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Johnny & Davey Rich, SMW title: Brian Lee b Paul Orndorff – DQ

**6/6 Harlan, KY (SMW):** Hector Guerrero b Joe Cazana, Dixie Dynamite b Dutch Mantell, Tim Horner & Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden & Buddy Landel, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag titles: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Johnny & Davey Rich

**6/7 Beckley, WV (SMW - 200):** Hector Guerrero b Killer Kyle, Danny Davis b Dutch Mantell, Robert Gibson b Joe Cazana, Buddy Landel b Tim Horner, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy – DQ, SMW tag titles, no DQ: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Brad & Bart Batten

**6/8 Blountville, TN (SMW – 250):** Jimmy Golden b Danny Davis \*1/4, Hector Guerrero b Dutch Mantell \*\*, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel \*3/4, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy 1/4\*, SMW tag titles: Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard – DQ \*\*\*1/4

**6/12 Haysi, VA (SMW):** Scheduled per [prowrestlinghistory.com](http://prowrestlinghistory.com), match results unavailable

**6/13 Morristown, TN (SMW):** Hector Guerrero b Joe Cazana 1/2\*, Dixie Dynamite b Killer Kyle DUD, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden \*, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel \*\*, Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Tom Pritchard & Jim Cornette \*\*, Bob Armstrong Referee, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy – DQ \*\*

**6/15 Cumberland, KY (SMW TV Tapings):** Bart Batten b Gary Scott, Dixie Dynamite b Joe Cazana, Danny Davis b Paul Lee, Brian Lee b Buddy Landel, Paul Orndorff b Gary Scott, Tim Horner b Joe Cazana, Robert Gibson b Rick Cannon, Brian Lee b Paul Lee, Bart & Brad Batten no contest Dixie Dynamite & Danny Davis, Danny Davis b Killer Kyle – DQ, Bart & Brad Batten b Dirty White Boy & Paul Orndorff – DQ, Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Gary Scott & Rick Cannon, SMW tag title: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton – DQ

**6/19 Knoxville, TN (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite b Joe Cazana, Jimmy Golden b Robert Gibson, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel – COR, SMW tag titles: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Danny Davis & Dixie Dynamite, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy – DQ

**6/20 Bluefield, WV (SMW):** Robert Gibson b Joe Cazana, Dirty White Boy b Dixie Dynamite, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, SMW tag titles: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Brad & Bart Batten, SMW title: Brian Lee b Paul Orndorff – DQ

**6/21 Beckley, WV (SMW):** Brad & Bart Batten b Joe Cazana & Killer Kyle, Jimmy Golden b Robert Gibson, Dirty White Boy b Dixie Dynamite, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel – COR, SMW tag titles: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton, SMW title: Brian Lee b Paul Orndorff – DQ

**7/2 Paintsville, KY (SMW – 500):** Dixie Dynamite b Joe Cazana, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee – DQ, SMW tag titles: Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard – DQ, Jackie Fulton won Battle Royal

**7/3 Sneedville, TN (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite b Joe Cazana, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee – DQ, SMW tag titles: Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard – DQ, Horner & Dynamite won Battle Royal

**7/4 Williamson, WV (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite b Joe Cazana, Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner, SMW tag titles: Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard – DQ, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee – DQ, Tim Horner won Battle Royal

**7/6 Benton, TN (SMW – 200):** Joe Cazan b Ben Jordan, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden – DQ, Tim Horner b Gary Scott, “Mask vs. Violin” match: Dixie Dynamite b Killer Kyle, Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Joe Cazana & Gary Scott, Brian Lee b Stormtrooper, Tim Horner b Paul Lee, Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Hector Guerrero & Ben Jordan, Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden b Richie Dye & Ben Jordan, Dixie Dynamite b Stormtrooper, Brian Lee b Gary Scott, Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Hector Guerrero b Paul Lee, Tag team elimination: Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden b Bobby & Jackie Fulton, Dixie Dynamite & Danny Davis, and Stan Lane & Tim Pritchard

**7/10 Whitesville, VA (SMW):** Hector Guerrero b Jimmy Golden – DQ, Robert Gibson b Joe Cazana, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton – DQ

**7/11 Morristown, TN (SMW):** Hector Guerrero b Jimmy Golden, Robert Gibson b Joe Cazana, Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, SMW title: Brian Lee b Buddy Landel, SMW tag titles, no DQ match: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton

**7/12 Knoxville, TN (SMW – free show):** Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Killer Kyle & Joe Cazana, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Non-title match: Robert Gibson & Tim Horner b Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard

**7/17 Knoxville, TN (SMW Summer Blast 1992 – 1,000):** Killer Kyle d Danny Davis, Dutch Mantell b Dixie Dynamite, Jimmy Golden b Robert Gibson – DQ, SMW tag titles, Street Fight match: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton \*\*\*\*, Ronnie Garvin & Brian Lee b Paul Orndorff & Dirty White Boy

**7/18 Whitesville, VA (SMW – 1,000):** Dixie Dynamite b the Galaxian (Danny Davis), Brian Mathews b Mad Dog, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden, Strap match: Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, SMW tag titles, Street Fight match: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton, Ronnie Garvin & Brian Lee b Paul Orndorff & Dirty White Boy

**7/19 Beckley, WV (SMW – 200):** Dixie Dynamite b the Galaxian (Danny Davis), Jimmy Golden b Robert Gibson – DQ, Strap match: Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, SMW tag titles,

Street Fight match: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard no contest  
Bobby & Jackie Fulton, Ronnie Garvin & Brian Lee b Paul Orndorff & Dirty White Boy

**8/5 Richwood, WV (SMW - 350):** Bart Batten b Joe Cazana, Brad Batten d Hector Guerrero, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Killer Kyle b Dixie Dynamite in taped fist match, Hector Guerrero won Battle Royal

**8/6 Jefferson City, TN (SMW):** Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard in non-title match, Bobby Fulton won blindfold Battle Royal

**8/7 Castlewood, VA (SMW - 400):** Mike Sampson b The Demon, Dixie Dynamite b Killer Kyle, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel, Robert Gibson b Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard-DQ

**8/8 Johnson City, TN (SMW Fire on the Mountain - 1,500):** Danny Davis b Joe Cazana \*, Dutch Mantell b Hector Guerrero 1/4\*, Killer Kyle (Mark Kyle) b Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong) 1/2\*, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel in I Quit match \*\*1/2, Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff-DQ in piledriver match \*\*3/4, Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee to win SMW title \*\*1/2, Rock & Roll Express (Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson) b Jimmy Golden & Robert Fuller \*\*\*3/4, Fantastics (Bobby & Jackie Fulton) b Heavenly Bodies (Tom Prichard & Stan Lane) to win SMW tag title in barbed wire cage match \*\*\*\*

**8/9 Beckley, WV (SMW - 350):** Danny Davis d Dutch Mantell \*\*, Killer Kyle b Dixie Dynamite \*\*, Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee, Tim Horner b Buddy Landel in I Quit match \*\*\*1/2, Paul Orndorff b Ron Garvin in piledriver match \*\*\*, Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Heavenly Bodies in Coal Miners Glove match \*\*\*\*, Rock & Roll Express b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden-DQ \*\*1/2

**9/4 Knoxville (SMW):** Dirty White Boy b Danny Davis, Handicap match--Killer Kyle vowed to pin Dixie Dynamite twice in 15:00, but Kyle lost when he only pinned him once, Tim Horner & Brian Lee b Tom Prichard & Stan Lane in non-title match, 2 of 3 falls: Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff-DQ, No DQ match: Rock & Roll Express b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden

**9/5 Kingsport, TN (SMW - 750):** Boxing match: Dixie Dynamite b Killer Kyle-DQ, Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Danny Davis & Tim Horner, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee, 2 of 3 falls: Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff-DQ, no DQ match: Rock & Roll Express b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden

**9/6 Beckley, WV (SMW - 300):** Danny Davis d Brad Batten, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bart Batten, Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Killer Kyle b Brian Lee & Tim Horner & Dixie Dynamite, 2 refs: Ron Garvin NC Paul Orndorff, Stretcher match: Rock & Roll Express b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden

**9/7 Clarksburg, WV (SMW - 1,100):** Cowabunga the Wrestling Turtle (Brian Hildebrand) b The Galaxian (Danny Davis), Dixie Dynamite b Killer Kyle, Tim Horner b Danny Davis, Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff-DQ, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee, Non-title match: Rock & Roll Express b Tom Prichard & Stan Lane

**9/12 Cumberland, KY (SMW):** Killer Kyle b Mike Samson, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Danny Davis, SMW tag title: Tim Horner & Brian Lee b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard-DQ when Kyle interfered so Lane-Prichard keep belts, Rock & Roll

Express b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden, Davis won 12 man Battle Royal

**9/19 Johnson City, TN (SMW):** Mike Samson b Pat Rose 1/2\*, Tim Horner b Joe Cazana \*1/4, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong) \*\*, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle (Mark Kyle)-DQ \*1/4, SMW tag title: Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton \*\*\*\*1/4, Stretcher match: Rock & Roll Express b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden \*\*\*

**10/2 Knoxville (SMW - 650):** Danny Davis d Dutch Mantell, Brian Lee DCOR Night Stalker, Paul Orndorff b Ron Garvin, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner-DQ, SMW tag title: Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Bobby & Jackie Fulton, Stretcher match: Rock & Roll Express b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden

**10/8 Bristol, VA (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite b Killer Kyle, Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Dutch Mantell & Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee b Night Stalker, SMW title match: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard in non-title match

**10/9 Ebets, KY (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite b Killer Kyle, Bobby & Jackie Fulton b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee b Night Stalker, SMW title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard-DQ

**10/17 Morristown, TN (SMW):** Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden b Tommy Angel & Joey Maggs, Brian Lee b Night Stalker, SMW title: Dirty White Boy DCOR Tim Horner, Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Rock & Roll Express, Robert Gibson won Battle Royal

**10/24 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 300):** Jimmy Golden b Robbie Eagle 1/4\*, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle \*1/2, Night Stalker b Joey Maggs \*1/2, Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff \*\*1/4, SMW title: Dirty White Boy DCOR Tim Horner \*\*1/2, Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard \*\*\*1/2

**11/6 Feds Creek, KY (SMW - 650 sellout):** Tracy Smothers b Jimmy Golden, Night Stalker b Dixie Dynamite, Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff, SMW title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies-DQ

**11/7 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 800):** Dixie Dynamite b Jimmy Golden, Night Stalker b Rick Newsome, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff, SMW title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express

**11/8 Knoxville (SMW - 350):** Dutch Mantell b Robbie Eagle, Night Stalker b Dixie Dynamite, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden b Bobby & Jackie Fulton-DQ, Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff-DQ, SMW title no DQ match: Dirty White Boy DCOR Tim Horner, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express

**11/9 Barberville, KY (SMW - 600):** Night Stalker b Dixie Dynamite, Tracy Smothers b Jimmy Golden, Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff, SMW title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies-DQ

**11/13 Harlan, KY (SMW - 400):** Night Stalker b Robbie Eagle, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden b Smothers & Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong), Hospital Elimination match for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies to win titles

**11/14 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Night Stalker b Robbie Eagle, Robert Fuller b Dixie Dynamite, Tracy Smothers b Jimmy Golden, Non-title Tennessee street fight: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, Hospital Elimination match for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies

**11/20 Hurley, VA (SMW - 500):** Night Stalker b Dixie Dynamite, Tracy Smothers b Dark Secret (Brian Armstrong), SMW title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, Bob Armstrong b Jim Cornette

**11/21 Chilhowie, VA (SMW - 450):** Robbie Eagle b Dark Secret, Night Stalker b Dixie Dynamite, Tracy Smothers b Jimmy Golden, SMW title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies

**11/26 Hazzard, KY (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 1,500):** Tracy Smothers b Paul Lee, Dutch Mantell b Collin West, Night Stalker b Bart Batten, Paul Orndorff b Dixie Dynamite, SMW title lumberjack match: Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner, Mongolian Stomper b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, Horner won Battle Royal, Falls count anywhere match for SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express to win titles

**11/27 Welch, WV (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 500):** Tracy Smothers b Night Stalker, Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff, SMW title lumberjack match: Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner, Dixie Dynamite b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, Dynamite won Battle Royal, Texas death match for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies to win titles

**11/28 Johnson City, TN (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 975):** Tracy Smothers b Robbie Eagle \*, Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden b Bobby Fulton & Dixie Dynamite \*1/4, Handicap match: Ronnie Garvin & Danny Davis b Paul Orndorff \*1/2, SMW title, Lumberjack match: Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner \*\*\*1/4, Mongolian Stomper b Kevin Sullivan – DQ \*\*1/2, Smothers won Battle Royal \*\*, SMW tag titles: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard b Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson to win titles \*\*\*\*1/2

**11/29 Knoxville, TN (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 1050):** Night Stalker b Robbie Eagle \*, Tracy Smother b Dutch Mantell twice by pinfall, then by DQ \*\*, Danny Davis & Ronnie Garvin b Paul Orndorff \*\*1/2, SMW title, Lumberjack match: Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner \*\*\*, Mongolian Stomper b Kevin Sullivan – DQ \*\*, Garvin won Battle Royal 1/4\*, SMW tag titles, Barbed Wire Cage match: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies to win titles \*\*1/4

**12/4 Barberville, KY (SMW - 625):** Chris Comet b Paul Lee, Dirty White Boy d Tracy Smothers 30:00, Kevin Sullivan DDQ Mongolian Stomper, Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette b Rock & Roll Express & Tim Horner

**12/5 Marion, VA (SMW):** Dixie Dynamite b Robbie Eagle, Kevin Sullivan DDQ Mongolian Stomper, Non-title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express & Brian Mathews b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette, Tracy Smothers won Battle Royal

**12/12 Morristown, TN (SMW):** Chris Comet b Jeff Daniels, Tony Anthony & Paul Orndorff b Tim Horner & Ron Garvin, Tracy Smothers won tournament to become first SMW TV champion, Mongolian Stomper b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, Dixie Dynamite b Paul Lee, Smothers b Reno Riggins, Heavenly Bodies b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden-DQ

**12/25 Knoxville (SMW - 1,600):** Jimmy Golden b Dixie Dynamite, Tracy Smothers b Robert Fuller, Brian Lee & Mongolian Stomper b Kevin Sullivan & Night Stalker-DQ, SMW title up first 30:00: Tim Horner & Ron Garvin b Dirty White Boy & Paul Orndorff, Handicap match for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**12/26 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 1,700):** Jimmy Golden b Dixie Dynamite \*1/2, Tracy Smothers b Robert Fuller \*\*, Brian Lee & Mongolian Stomper b Kevin Sullivan & Night Stalker \*\*\*, Tim Horner & Ron Garvin b Dirty White Boy & Paul Orndorff 32:00 \*\*, SMW tag title up in handicap match: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette \*\*\*1/4

**12/27 Beckley, WV (SMW - 550):** Jimmy Golden b Dixie Dynamite, Tracy Smothers b Robert Fuller, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, SMW title up first 30:00: Tim Horner & Ron Garvin b Paul Orndorff & Dirty White Boy 31:00, Handicap match for SMW tag titles: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**1993**

**1/8 Bluefield, WV (SMW - 150):** Brad Batten b Robbie Eagle, Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy non-title, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies

**1/9 Barboursville, KY (SMW):** Jimmy Golden b Jeff Daniels, Reno Riggins b Rip Rogers, SMW title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies

**1/15 Bluff City, TN (SMW):** Jimmy Golden b Reno Riggins, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Non-title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, Smothers won Battle Royal

**1/16 Morristown, TN (SMW - 600):** Night Stalker b Reno Riggins, Dirty White Boy d Tracy Smothers 20:00, Tim Horner b Paul Orndorff, Kevin Sullivan b Brian Lee, Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies

**1/17 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 570):** Night Stalker b Reno Riggins \*1/2, Tim Horner b Paul Orndorff DUD, Dirty White Boy d Tracy Smothers 30:00 1/4\*, Match to determine who gets title shot later on card: Heavenly Bodies b Dutch Mantell & Jimmy Golden-DQ \*\*1/2, Kevin Sullivan b Brian Lee \*\*, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*1/4

**1/18 Newton, NC (SMW TV taping - 390 sellout):** Killer Kyle b Shawn Power, Tim Horner b Dark Secret (Brian Armstrong), Johnny Kidd b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, Beat the champ: Tracy Smothers b Brad Batten, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express to win titles \*\*\*\*, Reno Riggins b Robbie Eagle, Kyle b Kidd, Brian Lee b Secret, Smothers b Power, Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden b Bart & Brad Batten, Beat the champ: Smothers b Paul Orndorff, Dirty White Boy b Riggins, Bart Batten b Sullivan-DQ, Rock & Roll Express b Eagle & Secret

**1/22 Beckley, WV (SMW - 450):** Brad Batten b Robbie Eagle, Killer Kyle b Bart Batten, Non-title match: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Robert Fuller b Tom Pritchard-DQ, Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express

**1/23 Shenendoah, VA (SMW - 500):** Bart Batten b Robbie Eagle \*, Killer Kyle b Brad Batten 1/2\*, Non-title match: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy 29:00 \*\*, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*1/4, Smothers won 10 man Battle Royal

**2/5 Asheboro, NC (SMW - 425):** Robbie Eagle b Dark Secret (Brian Armstrong), Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Non-title: Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*\*, Horner won Battle Royal

**2/6 Morristown, TN (SMW - 800):** Tim Horner b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy b Reno Riggins, Falls Count Anywhere: Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane & Tom Prichard DDQ Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell, SMW tag title: Lane & Prichard b Rock & Roll Express

**2/8 Jellico, TN (SMW TV tapings - 600):** Rip Rogers b Ted Allen, Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Reno Riggins & Dixie Dynamite & Lynn Fields, Brian Lee b Larry Santo, TV title: Night Stalker b Tracy Smothers to win title, Dirty White Boy b Allen, Rock & Roll Express b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden, Killer Kyle b Allen, Riggins b Rogers, Fields b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, TV title: Stalker b Santo, Eaton DDQ Ricky Morton, TV title: Tim Horner b Stalker to win title, Horner & Lee DCOR Sullivan & Stalker, Fuller & Golden & Dutch Mantell b Santo & Fields & Riggins, SMW title: White Boy b Smothers

**2/11 Beckley, WV (SMW - 500):** Killer Kyle b Robbie Eagle, Tim Horner b Night Stalker, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Tracy Smothers-DQ, Bobby Eaton & Tom Prichard DDQ Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden, SMW tag title: Prichard & Stan Lane b Rock & Roll Express

**2/12 Harlan, KY (SMW - 500):** Tim Horner b Night Stalker, Bobby Eaton b Dutch Mantell, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard-DQ

**2/13 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 700):** Tim Horner d Night Stalker, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, No DQ match: Kevin Sullivan b Brian Lee, Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Bobby Eaton DDQ Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell, SMW tag title: Eaton & Lane b Rock & Roll Express

**2/19 Knoxville (SMW - 1,100):** Killer Kyle DCOR Mongolian Stomper, Tim Horner b Night Stalker, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Tracy Smothers-DQ, First blood: Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Bobby Eaton b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell, SMW tag title: Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Rock & Roll Express

**2/20 Bland, VA (SMW - 400):** Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Bobby Eaton b Greg Maddox, Tim Horner b Night Stalker, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard

**2/21 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 578):** Tim Horner b Night Stalker \*1/4, Jimmy Golden b Killer Kyle \*1/2, Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Bobby Eaton b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell \*\*\*3/4, Falls Count Anywhere: Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan \*\*, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Tracy Smothers-DQ \*\*\*

**2/26 Williamsburg, KY (SMW - 600):** Tim Horner b Night Stalker, Jimmy Golden b Bobby Eaton-DQ, Brian Lee b Kevin

Sullivan, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard

**3/1 Sevierville, TN (SMW TV taping - 700 sellout):** Killer Kyle b Hiroshi Itakura \*\*1/2, TV title: Tim Horner b Dixie Dynamite (Scott Armstrong) \*1/2, Rock & Roll Express b Jeff Daniels & Lynn Fields, Tracy Smothers b Larry Santo, Crash the Terminator (Bill DeMott) NC Miguelito Perez \*\*1/2, Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane b Reno Riggins & Dynamite, TV title: Horner b Kyle, Yukihiro Kanemura b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden b Riggins & Fields, Smothers b Daniels, Brian Lee b Sullivan-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Fields, TV title: Eaton b Horner to win title, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Lane & Tom Prichard

**3/5 Council, VA (SMW - 700):** Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard, Lee won Battle Royal

**3/6 Morgantown, NC (SMW - 550):** Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard, Lee won Battle Royal

**3/11 Oliver Springs, TN (SMW - 350):** Brian Lee b Tom Prichard, Tim Horner b Night Stalker, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton, Smothers won Battle Royal

**3/12 Morristown, TN (SMW - 275):** Night Stalker b Joe Cazana, Jimmy Golden b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy-DQ, First blood: Kevin Sullivan b Brian Lee, Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Rock & Roll Express & Tim Horner

**3/18 Farmville, VA (SMW - 300):** Chris Candido b Tazmaniac, Tim Horner b Tom Prichard, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton, Smothers won Battle Royal

**3/19 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 700):** Jimmy Golden b Chris Comet, Tim Horner b Night Stalker-DQ, First blood: Kevin Sullivan b Brian Lee, SMW title no DQ: Dirty White Boy b Tracy Smothers, Rock & Roll Express & Arn Anderson b Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton & Tom Prichard

**3/20 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 941):** Jimmy Golden b The Avenger (Chris Candido) 1/4\*, Tim Horner b Night Stalker-DQ \*\*1/4, First blood: Kevin Sullivan b Brian Lee \*\*\*1/4, SMW title no DQ match: Dirty White Boy b Tracy Smothers \*\*\*\*, Rock & Roll Express & Arn Anderson b Tom Prichard & Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton \*\*\*1/2

**3/21 Knoxville (SMW - 1,200):** Chris Candido b Robbie Eagle, Tim Horner b Night Stalker-DQ, Spike on pole match: Kevin Sullivan b Brian Lee, SMW title No DQ match: Dirty White Boy b Tracy Smothers, Rock & Roll Express & Arn Anderson b Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton & Tom Prichard

**3/22 Haysai, VA (SMW TV taping - 700 sellout):** Tazmaniac b Robbie Eagle, Rock & Roll Express b The Avenger (Chris Candido) & Mike Samson, SMW TV title: Bobby Eaton b Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee & Tim Horner b Night Stalker & Kevin Sullivan, TV title: Eaton NC Tom Prichard, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Prichard & Stan Lane, TV title: Eaton b

Eagle, Roger Anderson b Sullivan-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Samson, Lane & Prichard DDQ Robert Fuller & Golden, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b White Boy

**3/25 Bluff City, TN (SMW):** Tim Horner b Tom Prichard, Brian Lee b Jimmy Golden, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express & Horner b Stan Lane & Prichard & Bobby Eaton

**3/26 Clinchport, VA (SMW - 600):** Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton, Brian Lee b Night Stalker-DQ, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard, Lee won Battle Royal

**3/27 Saltville, VA (SMW - 550):** Jimmy Golden b Mike Samson, Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton, Brian Lee b Night Stalker, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard-DQ, Lee won Battle Royal

**3/28 Beckley, WV (SMW - 500):** Curtis Thompson b Johnny Del Rio, Brian Lee b Bobby Blaze, Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Tracy Smothers, Smoky Mountain Showdown street fight: Rock & Roll Express won over Dutch Mantell & Jimmy Golden and Stan Lane & Tom Prichard

**3/29 Newport, TN (SMW - 600 sellout):** Tim Horner b Dutch Mantell, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard, Prichard won Battle Royal

**4/1 Hurley, VA (SMW - 650):** Robbie Eagle b Rip Rogers, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express & Tim Horner b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Bobby Eaton, Smothers won Battle Royal

**4/2 Pikeville, KY (SMW - 2000) Bluegrass Brawl:** Robbie Eagle (Rob Kellum) b Rip Rogers, Mongolian Stomper (Archie Gouldie) b Rob Morgan, Tim Horner b Night Stalker (Bryan Clark)-DQ, Singapore Spike match: Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, Chain match for SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy (Tony Anthony to win title), Three team street fight: Bobby Eaton & Tom Prichard & Stan Lane won over Robert Fuller (Robert Welch) & Dutch Mantel (Wayne Cowan) & Jimmy Golden and Arn Anderson (Marty Lunde) & Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson

**4/3 Morristown, TN (SMW - 900):** Jimmy Golden b Mike Samson, Night Stalker b Joe Cazana, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, SMW title no DQ: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Barbed wire: Ricky Morton & Tim Horner & Mongolian Stomper b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Bobby Eaton

**4/8 Fleming-Neon, KY (SMW - 500):** Tom Prichard b Bobby Blaze, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Ricky Morton & Tim Horner b Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton, Horner won Battle Royal

**4/9 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 700):** Bobby Blaze b Mike Samson, Tim Horner b Stan Lane-DQ, Kevin Sullivan b Brian Lee, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Smoky Mountain Street fight: Ricky Morton & Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton & Tom Prichard

**4/10 Phelps, KY (SMW - 450):** Tom Prichard b Bobby Blaze, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Ricky Morton & Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton & Stan Lane, Smothers won Battle Royal

**4/15 Harrisonburg, VA (SMW - 250):** Killer Kyle b Bill Maddox, Tim Horner b Tom Prichard, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Bobby Eaton

**4/16 Clinchco, VA (SMW - 400):** Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan-DQ, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard, Lee won Battle Royal

**4/17 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 860):** Robbie Eagle b Joe Cazana DUD, Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton \*\*, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle DUD, Kevin Sullivan b Night Stalker-DQ 1/2\*, Chain match for SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy \*\*\*1/2, Rock & Roll Express beat Stan Lane & Tom Prichard (DQ) and Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden in three-team Smoky Mountain showdown \*\*\*3/4

**4/18 Knoxville (SMW - 700):** Bobby Blaze b Robbie Eagle, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Tim Horner b Bobby Eaton, Kevin Sullivan b Night Stalker, Chain match for SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express won three-team Smoky Mountain street fight showdown over Stan Lane & Tom Prichard and Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden

**4/22 Louisa, KY (SMW - 250):** Tim Horner b Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express b Tom Prichard & Jim Cornette, Horner won Battle Royal

**4/23 Fairlea, WV (SMW - 300):** Tim Horner b Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express b Tom Prichard & Jim Cornette, Ricky Morton won Battle Royal

**4/24 Chilhowie, VA (SMW - 600):** Tim Horner b Jimmy Golden, Robert Gibson b Stan Lane-DQ, Ricky Morton b Tom Prichard, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Four team, four corners tag team match: Rock & Roll Express won over Golden & White Boy, Brian Lee & Horner and Lane & Prichard

**4/29 Fisherville, VA (SMW - 400):** Tim Horner b Bill Maddox, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Kevin Sullivan DCOR Night Stalker, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard

**4/30 Shenandoah, VA (SMW - 350):** Robbie Eagle b Bill Maddox, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Night Stalker b Kevin Sullivan, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express & Tim Horner b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Jim Cornette

**5/1 Hazard, KY (SMW - 500):** Tim Horner b Jimmy Golden, Killer Kyle b Brian Lee, Singapore four boxes spike in one box match: Kevin Sullivan b Night Stalker, Losers get tarred and feathered: Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Rock & Roll Express-DQ, Chain match for SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy

**5/6 White Sulphur Springs, WV (SMW - 200):** Bobby Blaze b Tazmaniac, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle-DQ, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express & Tim Horner b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard & Jim Cornette, Lee won Battle Royal

**5/7 Clintwood, VA (SMW - 350):** Tim Horner b Tazmaniac, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard, Smothers won Battle Royal

**5/8 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 500):** Tim Horner b Tazmaniac, Rock & Roll Express b Joe Cazana & Killer Kyle, Singapore spike box match: Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Stan Lane & Tom Prichard b Robert Fuller & Jimmy Golden

**5/9 Knoxville, TN (SMW Volunteer Slam II - 1,100):** Robert Gibson b Tazmaniac 1/2\*, Killer Kyle b Robert Fuller-DQ 1/4\*, Brian Lee b Stan Lane 1/2\*, Kevin Sullivan b Jimmy Golden \*\*1/4, Tom Prichard b Ricky Morton 1/2\*, Coward waves the flag match for SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy-DQ \*\*\*, Rage in a cage War Games rules: Rock & Roll Express & Fuller & Golden & Lee b Lane & Prichard & Kyle & Tazmaniac & Sullivan \*\*\*\*

**5/10 Prestongb, KY (SMW - 550):** Tim Horner b Jimmy Golden, Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard, Ricky Morton won Battle Royal

**5/14 Beckley, WV (SMW - 500):** Tim Horner b Robbie Eagle, Killer Kyle b Bobby Blaze, Brian Lee b Kevin Sullivan, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard, Chain match for SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy

**5/15 Johnson City, TN (SMW Last Tango in Tennessee - 1,100):** Killer Kyle b Bobby Blaze \*\*1/2, Tim Horner & Brian Lee b Dutch Mantell & Jimmy Golden \*\*3/4, Singapore spike match: Lee b Kevin Sullivan \*\*1/2, SMW title coward waves the flag match: Tracy Smothers NC Dirty White Boy (title held up) \*\*1/4, Loser of fall leaves town SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Stan Lane & Tom Prichard (Lane loses) to win titles \*\*\*\*

**5/17 Harlan, KY (SMW TV taping - 350):** Tim Horner b Paul Lee, Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray b Bobby Blaze & Mike Samson, Tracy Smothers b Robbie Eagle, Steve & Scott Armstrong b Paul Lee & Samson, Horner b ?, SMW TV title: Brian Lee b Jimmy Golden-DQ, Blaze b Paul Lee, Chris Candido b ?, Prichard & Del Ray b Eagle & Samson, SMW TV title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy \*\*\*, Candido b Blaze, SMW TV title: Brian Lee b Paul Lee, Prichard & Del Ray b Steve & Scott Armstrong \*\*1/2, Dark matches: Chain match for SMW title: Smothers b White Boy, Rock & Roll Express b Golden & Dutch Mantell

**5/21 Newton, NC (SMW - 325):** Tim Horner b Robbie Eagle, Bobby Fulton b Jim Cornette DUD, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy \*\*1/4, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Jimmy Golden & Dutch Mantell, Eagle won Battle Royal

**5/22 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Bobby Blaze b Robbie Eagle, Mongolian Stomper b Mike Samson, Tim Horner b Jim Cornette-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Jimmy

Golden & Dutch Mantell, Chain match for SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy

**5/28 Welch, WV (SMW - 350):** Tim Horner b Bobby Blaze, Brian Lee b Mike Samson, Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Dutch Mantell & Jimmy Golden, Blaze won Battle Royal

**5/29 Richlands, VA (SMW - 300):** Bobby Blaze b Mike Samson, Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Robbie Eagle d Blaze, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Dutch Mantell & Jimmy Golden, Robert Gibson won Battle Royal

**6/1 Rockwood, TN (SMW - 300):** Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Tim Horner b Jimmy Golden, Dirty White Boy b Tracy Smothers, Horner & Ricky Morton b Tom Prichard & Jim Cornette

**6/3 Phelps, KY (SMW - 175):** Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray

**6/4 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 400):** Tim Horner d Chris Candido, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express NC Bruise Brothers, Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray b Scott & Steve Armstrong

**6/5 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 450):** Tim Horner d Chris Candido, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Battle Royal rules: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray b Scott & Steve Armstrong

**6/7 Cumberland, KY (SMW TV taping - 275):** Killer Kyle b Bobby Blaze, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Paul Lee & Jeff Daniels, Chris Comet & Larry Santo b Bruise Brothers-DQ, TV title: Brian Lee b Robbie Eagle to retire title, Tracy Smothers b Abdul Hassan, Rock & Roll Express b Paul Lee & Daniels, Chris Candido b Comet, Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray b Santo & Eagle, TV title: Blaze b Dirty White Boy to win title, Eagle & Daniels b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Smothers b Kyle, WWA title: Tim Horner b Candido-DQ, Steve Armstrong NC Del Rey, Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Steve & Scott Armstrong b Prichard & Del Ray

**6/10 Harriman, TN (SMW - 150):** Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Ricky Morton & Horner b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Jimmy Del Ray (Jimmy Backlund) & Tom Prichard

**6/11 Knoxville (SMW - 600):** Brian Lee b Jimmy Golden-COR, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy to win held up title, Bruise Brothers b Horner & Ricky Morton, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Jimmy Del Ray & Tom Prichard-DQ

**6/12 Beckley, WV (SMW - 450):** Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, Bruise Brothers b Horner & Ricky Morton, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Jimmy Del Ray & Tom Prichard-DQ

**6/17 Williamsburg, KY (SMW - 250):** Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, WWA title: Chris Candido d Tim Horner, Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise

Brothers-DQ, Steve & Scott Armstrong b Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray.

**6/18 Pikeville, KY (SMW - 500):** Tim Horner d Chris Candido, Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Tracy Smothers b Kevin Sullivan, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del rey b Steve & Scott Armstrong.

**6/19 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 550):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze \*\*, WWA title: Chris Candido b Tim Horner \*\*1/4, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ \*\*, Tracy Smothers b Kevin Sullivan \*\*\*1/4, Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray b Steve & Scott Armstrong \*\*1/2.

**6/24 Hazzard, KY (SMW - 250):** One night King of Kentucky tournament: Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, Brian Lee b Blaze, Smothers b White Boy, Lee b Smothers to win tournament, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Rey b Steve & Scott Armstrong

**6/25 Feds Creek, KY (SMW - 250):** Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Chris Candido b Bobby Blaze, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Steve & Scott Armstrong b Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray

**6/26 Clinchport, VA (SMW - 300):** Brian Lee b Killer Kyle, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray

**6/28 Council, VA (SMW TV taping - 200 sellout):** Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, TV title: Bobby Blaze b Mike Samson, SMW tag titles: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express to win titles, Brian Lee b Jimmy Janetty, TV title: Mighty Yankee (Dirty White Boy) b Blaze to win title, Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong b Robbie Eagle & Samson & Jeff Daniels, Non-title: Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Rock & Roll Express b Daniels & Janetty, Eagle & Samson b Bruise Brothers-DQ, TV title: White Boy b The Underdog (Blaze), Scott & Steve Armstrong b Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Ray

**7/1 Morgantown, NC (SMW - 275):** Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**7/2 Morristown, TN (SMW - 550):** Dirty White Boy b Mongolian Stomper, Bobby Blaze b Dark Secret (Brian James), SMW tag title: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express, SMW title: Tracy Smothers NC Tim Horner, Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette b Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong

**7/3 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 475):** Killer Kyle b Dark Secret, Bobby Blaze d Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy & Brian Lee b Tim Horner & Tracy Smothers, SMW tag title: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express, Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**7/8 Hazzard, KY (SMW - 400):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, Chris Candido b Tim Horner, No DQ match for SMW tag title: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express, SMW title: Tracy

Smothers b Brian Lee, Bob & Steve & Scott Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**7/9 Fleming-Neon, KY (SMW - 375):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee, Bob & Steve & Scott Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**7/10 Beckley, WV (SMW - 475):** Tim Horner b Robbie Eagle, Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, SMW tag title No DQ match: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee, Bob & Steve & Scott Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**7/15 Evans, KY (SMW - 400):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee, Bob & Steve & Scott Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**7/16 Knoxville (SMW - 1,100):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, Chris Candido b Tim Horner, No DQ SMW tag title: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee, Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette b Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong

**7/17 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 900):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze \*\*1/2, Tim Horner b Chris Candido \*\*1/4, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers to win title \*\*\*3/4, No DQ for SMW tag title: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express \*\*\*, Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette-DQ \*\*\*\*

**7/30 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 364):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze \*\*1/4, Tim Horner b Chris Candido \*\*1/2, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee \*\*\*1/4, Scott & Steve & Brian Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette \*\*, Blaze won Battle Royal DUD

**7/31 Fairlea, WV (SMW - 150):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Non-title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee, Scott & Steve & Brian Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**8/5 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 500):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, Baby bottle match: Tim Horner b Chris Candido-DQ, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ, No DQ for SMW tag title: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express, Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**8/6 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 700):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, Baby bottle match: Tim Horner b Chris Candido-DQ, Falls count anywhere for SMW tag title: Bruise Brothers b Rock & Roll Express, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers, Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette

**8/13 Morristown, TN (SMW Hot August Night in Motown - 500):** Dirty White Boy b. Bobby Blaze – ref stoppage (match only ended when DWB makes Blaze submit, Blaze can win by pinfall)\*\*1/2, Mongolian Stomper b. Kevin Sullivan \*\*1/2, Loser drinks from a baby bottle: Tim Horner b. Chris Candido \*\*\*1/2, No DQ match for the SMW tag title, The Bruise Brothers b. Rock & Roll Express \*\*\*3/4, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b. Brian Lee via DQ \*\*\*1/2, Bob, Steve & Scott Armstrong b. Jim Cornette & Heavenly Bodies-DQ \*\*\*\*

**8/14 Johnson City, TN (SMW Fire on the Mountain II – 1400):** Winner gets advantage in the Rage in the Cage: Jimmy Del Rey b. Steve Armstrong \*\*\*1/4, Dirty White Boy DDQ Stomper \*1/2, Big Bossman b Kevin Sullivan\*\*\*, Loser drinks from a baby bottle: Chris Candido beat Horner-DQ \*\*\*; SMW title, Coal Miner's Glove match: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers \*\*\*3/4, Rage in the Cage: Rock & Roll Express and Bob, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Jim Cornette, Bruise Brothers & Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*\*

**8/16 Clinchport, VA (SMW TV Taping – 310):** Bob, Scott, & Steve Armstrong beating Cornette & Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*1/4, SMW TV title: Dirty White Boy b ??? (DWB vacates title after 5<sup>th</sup> successful defense), Chris Candido b Jason West, Steve Armstrong b Kevin Sullivan – DQ, Tim Horner b ???, SMW TV title: Jimmy Del Rey b Ricky Morton to win vacant title \*\*\*1/4, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Mike Samson & Dark Secret, Chris Candido b Robbie Eagle – DQ, SMW title: Brian Lee b Bobby Blaze, Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers – DQ, Tim Horner b Chris Candido \*3/4

**8/18 Jefferson City, TN (SMW - 275):** Dirty White Boy d Scott Armstrong, Non-title: Tim Horner b Brian Lee, Losers must bungee jump: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies-DQ, Robert Gibson won Battle Royal

**8/19 Morganton, NC (SMW - 200):** Dirty White Boy d Scott Armstrong, Kawabunga the Turtle (Brian Hildebrand) b Jim Cornette, Baby bottle match: Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, Turtle won Battle Royal

**8/20 Knoxville, TN (SMW K-Town Showdown - 2,780):** Bobby Blaze b Dirty White Boy (White Boy failed to pin Blaze in 10:00) \*\*1/4, Loser has to wear a diaper: Tim Horner b Chris Candido-DQ \*\*\*, SMW title: Brian Lee b Mongolian Stomper \*\*1/2, Singapore spike match: Big Bossman b Kevin Sullivan \*\*\*1/2, Four tag team elimination match: Bruise Brothers (Ron & Don Harris) won over Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson, Steve & Scott Armstrong (Steve & Scott James), and Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Rey (Jim Richland) \*\*\*\*, Bob Armstrong (Robert James Sr.) b Jim Cornette \*\*\*\*

**8/27 Hazard, KY (SMW - 200):** Dirty White Boy b Chris Comet (Chris Michaels), Baby bottle match: Tim Horner b Chris Candido, SMW title: Brian Lee b Mongolian Stomper, Elimination tag match: Rock & Roll Express & Scott & Steve Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Bruise Brothers (Morton pinned Ron Harris in finals)

**8/28 Duffield, VA (SMW - 300 sellout):** Robbie Eagle b Anthony Michaels, SMW title: Brian Lee b Bobby Blaze, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Bob & Scott & Steve Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies & Dirty White Boy

**9/1 Tazwell, TN (SMW - 500 fair show):** Dirty White Boy b Rex Hargrove, Chris Candido b Anthony Michaels, Ricky Morton & Tim Horner b Heavenly Bodies, Morton won Battle Royal

**9/3 Council, VA (SMW - 200):** Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tim Horner, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Heavenly Bodies, Horner won Battle Royal

**9/4 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 666):** Chris Comet (Chris Michaels) b Dark Secret (Brian Armstrong), Bobby Blaze b Dirty White Boy (White Boy failed to pin Blaze in 10:00, thus forfeited the match), SMW title: Brian Lee b Mongolian Stomper, Hospital elimination match: Heavenly Bodies b Scott & Steve Armstrong, Cage match: Bob Armstrong b Jim Cornette

**9/4 Anderson County, TN (SMW - 1,500/fair show):** Killer Kyle d Rex Hargrove, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Ricky Morton won Battle Royal

**9/5 Saltville, VA (SMW - 500):** Chris Candido b Robbie Eagle, Dirty White Boy b Bobby Blaze, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tim Horner, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers-DQ

**9/17 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 997):** Country Whipping match: Tim Horner b Chris Candido \*\*\*, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Bruise Brothers \*\*1/4, Bob Armstrong or Jim Cornette must leave SMW forever match: Black Ninja (Larry Santo) b Bob Armstrong \*, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies \*\*1/2, SMW title, White Boy in cage: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ \*\*3/4

**9/18 Phelps, KY (SMW - 200):** Scott Armstrong b Chris Candido, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, Bruise Brothers b Scott & Brian Armstrong, SMW title, White Boy handcuffed to post: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ, Brian Armstrong won Battle Royal

**9/10 Savannah, TN (SMW - 1,000/fairgrounds show):** Chris Comet b Jeff Daniels, SMW title: Dutch Mantel b Brian Lee-DQ, SMW tag title: Ricky Morton & Tim Horner b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Mantel won Battle Royal

**9/11 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Tom Prichard b Brian Armstrong, Scott Armstrong b Jimmy Del Rey-DQ, Bob Armstrong b Dirty White Boy, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tim Horner, SMW tag title vs. Rock & Roll Express' hair: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers to win belts

**9/12 Knoxville, TN (SMW - 800):** Bruise Brothers b Scott & Brian Armstrong, Country whipping match: Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Non-title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express-DQ, SMW title taped fist match, White Boy in penalty box cage: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers, Match for SMW commissionership: Terry Funk b Bob Armstrong

**9/23 Fleming-Neon, KY (SMW - 400):** Country Whipping match: Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Bruise Brothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, SMW title, White Boy in cage: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ

**9/24 Greeneville, TN (SMW - 500):** Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Killer Kyle & Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Bruise Brothers, SMW title, White Boy in cage: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ

**9/25 Welch, WV (SMW - 350):** Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Bruise Brothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, SMW title, White Boy in cage: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ

**10/1 Paintsville, KY (SMW Big Apple Grapple - 650):** Country whipping match: Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Steve & Scott Armstrong b Bruise Brothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, SMW title, White Boy in cage: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee, Smothers won Battle Royal, last man out (Candido) tarred and feathered

**10/2 Morristown, TN (SMW - 400):** Killer Kyle b Bobby Blaze, Tim Horner b Chris Candido, Steve & Scott Armstrong b Bruise Brothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, SMW title, White Boy in cage: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ

**10/7 Hazzard, KY (SMW - 450):** Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner, The Bullet b Killer Kyle, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express NC Scott & Steve Armstrong, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers, Rick & Scott Steiner b Heavenly Bodies-DQ

**10/9 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 1,009):** Dirty White Boy b Tim Horner, U.S. jr. title: Chris Candido b Bobby Blaze to regain title, The Bullet b Killer Kyle, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express NC Scott & Steve Armstrong, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers, Heavenly Bodies b Rick & Scott Steiner-DQ

**10/16 Cumberland, KY (SMW - 350):** Chris Candido b Anthony Michaels, Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ, Ricky Morton & Tim Horner b Tom Prichard & Jim Cornette, Smothers won Battle Royal

**10/22 Whitewood, VA (SMW - 250):** Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy, Steve & Scott Armstrong b Bruise Brothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ, Smothers won Battle Royal

**10/23 Pigeon Forge, TN (SMW - 300):** Tim Horner b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Ricky Morton b Jimmy Del Rey, Robert Gibson b Ron Bruise-DQ, Steve Armstrong b Tom Prichard, SMW title: Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee-DQ, Rock & Roll Express won four-corners tag match from Armstrongs, Heavenly Bodies and Bruise Brothers

**11/4 Appalachia, VA (SMW - 275):** Killer Kyle b Tim Horner, Non-title: Bobby Blaze b Chris Candido, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers, Bruise Brothers b Tom Prichard & Kyle, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs Rex (not original Rex) & Spot (Larry Booker)

**11/5 Haysai, VA (SMW - 200):** Tim Horner b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers, Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs, Ricky Morton won Battle Royal

**11/6 Rural Retreat, VA (SMW - 225):** Tim Horner b Killer Kyle, Non-title: Bobby Blaze b Chris Candido, SMW title: Brian Lee b Tracy Smothers, Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs

**11/8 Newton, NC (SMW TV tapings - 300):** Non-squash results: SMW TV title: Tim Horner b Killer Kyle, Heavenly Bodies b Bruise Brothers-DQ, Kyle b Bobby Blaze, Rock & Roll Express & Tracy Smothers b Heavenly Bodies & Brian Lee-DQ

**11/19 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 225):** Prince Kharis b ?, Tim Horner b Killer Kyle, U.S. jr. title: Chris Candido b Bobby Blaze, Bruise

Brothers b Heavenly Bodies, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee-DQ, White Boy won Battle Royal

**11/20 Pikeville, KY (SMW - 550):** Tim Horner b Killer Kyle, U.S. jr. title: Chris Candido b Bobby Blaze, 3-on-2: Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette-DQ, Non-title street fight: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee, Bruise Brothers won Battle Royal

**11/25 Hazard, KY (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 1,337):** Loser gets tarred and feathered: Chris Candido NC Bobby Blaze, Prince Kharis (Rob Mayze) b Tim Horner, Prince of darkness match: The Bullet (Bob Armstrong) b Kevin Sullivan, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Gang fight: Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies

**11/26 Knoxville (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 1,280):** Loser gets tarred and feathered: Bobby Blaze b Chris Candido, Prince Kharis b Tim Horner, First blood match: The Bullet b Kevin Sullivan, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Gang Fight: Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies

**11/27 Barbourville, KY (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 600):** Loser gets tarred and feathered: Bobby Blaze b Chris Candido, Prince Kharis b Tim Horner, Falls Count Anywhere: The Bullet b Kevin Sullivan, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Gang Fight: Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies

**11/28 Johnson City, TN (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 900):** Loser gets tarred and feathered: Bobby Blaze b Chris Candido-DQ \*\*1/2, Prince Kharis b Tim Horner DUD, Singapore Spike match: The Bullet b Kevin Sullivan 1/4\*, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs \*\*\*3/4, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy-DQ \*\*, Gang fight: Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*\*1/2

**12/3 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 400):** Killer Kyle b Anthony Michaels, US jr. title: Chris Candido b Bobby Blaze, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs, Non-title: Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy-DQ

**12/4 Newlin, NC (SMW - 341):** U.S. jr. title: Chris Candido b Bobby Blaze, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs, Non-title: Bruise Brothers b Heavenly Bodies, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Robert Gibson won Battle Royal

**12/10 Wise, VA (SMW - 500):** Tracy Smothers d Chris Candido, Prince Kharis b Bobby Blaze, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs, 2-on-3 handicap match: Bruise Brothers b Killer Kyle & Jimmy Del Rey & Jim Cornette, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee-DQ, No winner in Bunkhouse Battle Royal

**12/11 Morristown, TN (SMW - 650):** Tracy Smothers d Chris Candido, Prince Kharis b Bobby Blaze, Rock & Roll Express NC Moondogs, 2-on-3 handicap match: Bruise Brothers b Killer Kyle & Jimmy Del Rey & Jim Cornette, SMW title no DQ: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy

**12/25 Knoxville (SMW Christmas Chaos - 1,700):** Chris Candido b Brian Armstrong, Prince Kharis b Bobby Blaze, Bruise Brothers DCOR Moondogs, Jim Cornette's hair vs. Bullet's mask: Dick Murdoch b The Bullet (Bullet wore a second mask underneath so his identity wasn't revealed),

Heavenly Bodies b Doug & Mike Furnas, Triangular match for SMW title: Brian Lee won over Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy

**12/26 Johnson City, TN (SMW Christmas Chaos - 950):** Chris Candido b Brian Armstrong \*\*1/4, Prince Kharis b Bobby Blaze 3/4\*, Moondogs b Bruise Brothers \*\*, Mask at stake: The Bullet b Dick Murdoch \*1/2, Heavenly Bodies & Doug & Mike Furnas \*\*\*1/2, Triangular match for SMW title: Brian Lee won over Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy \*\*\*1/2

**12/27 Barbourville, KY (SMW Christmas Chaos - 800):** Chris Candido b Brian Armstrong, Prince Kharis b Bobby Blaze, Mask at stake: The Bullet b Dick Murdoch, Moondogs b Bruise Brothers, Heavenly Bodies b Doug & Mike Furnas, Triangular match for SMW title: Brian Lee won over Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy

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**1/8 Morristown, TN (SMW - 500):** Bobby Blaze b The Hornet, Killer Kyle b Anthony Michaels, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express, Non-title street fight: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee

**1/9 Beckley, WV (SMW - 300):** Prince Kharis b Bobby Blaze, Killer Kyle b Louie Spicoli, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express

**1/14 Virgie, KY (SMW - 195):** Bobby Blaze b The Hornet (Brian Keyes), Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies-DQ, Smothers won Battle Royal

**1/21 Lenior, NC (SMW - 350):** Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies-DQ, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, White Boy won Battle Royal

**1/22 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 750):** Anthony Michaels b The Hornet (Brian Keyes) \*1/2, Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle \*\*, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido \*\*3/4, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express-DQ \*\*\*3/4, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy \*\*, White Boy won Tri-City Rumble (Royal Rumble rules) Battle Royal \*\*\*1/2

**1/28 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 750):** Anthony Michaels b The Hornet, Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee-DQ, Tammy Fyfch b Dirty White Girl, White Boy won Royal Rumble rules Battle Royal

**1/29 Morganton, NC (SMW - 300):** Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, 2 on 3 handicap match: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies & Jim Cornette, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, White Boy won Battle Royal

**2/4 Appalachia, VA (SMW - 250):** Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee-DQ, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express-DQ, Rock & Roll Express won Battle Royal

**2/5 Morristown, TN (SMW - 650):** Bobby Blaze d Killer Kyle, Robbie Eagle b Bo Alexander, Prince Kharis b Anthony Michaels, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express-DQ, Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy

**2/6 Beckley, WV (SMW - 450):** Robbie Eagle b Brad Batten, Prince Kharis b Bart Batten-DQ, Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express-COR

**2/7 Jellico, TN (SMW TV taping - 300):** Tracy Smothers b Pat Rose, Well Dunn b Bobby Blaze & Anthony Michaels, SMW TV title: Robbie Eagle b Larry Santo, SMW TV title: The Hornet (Brian Keyes) b Eagle to win title, Brian Lee b Michaels, Rock & Roll Express & Blaze b Heavenly Bodies & Killer Kyle, Chris Candido b Rose, Well Dunn b Eagle & Santo, SMW TV title: Dirty White Boy b Hornet-DQ, Smothers b Tom Prichard, Blaze b Santo, Rose b White Boy-COR, SMW TV title: Kyle b Hornet to win title, Rock & Roll Express b Well Dunn

**2/12 West Liberty, KY (SMW - 650):** Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, SMW title: Brian Lee b Dirty White Boy, Bruise Brothers b Lee & Candido, SMW tag title 2 of 3 falls: Heavenly Bodies d Rock & Roll Express 1-1 60:00, White Boy won Battle Royal

**2/13 Knoxville, TN (SMW Sunday Bloody Sunday - 3,950):** Anthony Michaels b The Hornet (Brian Keyes) \*, Chris Candido (Chris Candido) b Tracy Smothers \*\*\*1/4, Mike & Doug Furnas b Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Rey (James Richland) \*\*\*1/2, Texas death match: Bob Armstrong (Robert James Sr.) b Terry Funk \*\*\*3/4, SMW tag title: Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson (Ruben Kane) b champs Prichard & Del Rey \*3/4, Chain match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy (Tony Anthony) b Brian Lee (Brian Harris) to win title \*\*\*3/4, Cage match: Bruise Brothers b Moondogs (Larry Booker & Nathan ?) \*\*\*1/2

**2/18 Red Jacket, WV (SMW - 201):** Anthony Michaels b The Hornet, U.S. jr. title: Chris Candido b Bobby Blaze, Moondogs DCOR Bart & Brad Batten, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Candido & Brian Lee, Blaze won Battle Royal

**2/19 Hickory, NC (SMW - 350):** Bobby Blaze b Curtis Thompson, Moondogs b Bart & Brad Batten, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee, Smothers won Battle Royal

**2/25 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 550):** Bobby Blaze b The Hornet, Moondogs DDQ Bruise Brothers, No DQ match for SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee & Chris Candido

**2/26 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 750):** Bobby Blaze b The Hornet \*1/4, Moondogs DDQ Bruise Brothers \*\*1/4, US jr. title: Chris Candido b Tracy Smothers \*\*\*3/4, SMW tag title, Cornette hung in cage above ring: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express \*\*\*1/2, Chain match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Brian Lee \*\*\*

**3/3 Everts, KY (SMW - 250 sellout):** Bobby Blaze b The Hornet, Rock & Roll Express b Moondogs-DQ, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido & Brian Lee, Smothers won Battle Royal

**3/4 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 500):** Anthony Michaels b The Hornet, Bobby Blaze b Jeff Viktory, U.S. jr. title: Chris Candido b Tracy Smothers, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch

**3/5 Morristown, TN (SMW - 700):** Anthony Michaels b The Hornet, Bobby Blaze b Mike Samson, Mongolian Stomper b Larry Santo, Rock & Roll Express b Moondogs, Cage match: Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee & Chris Candido

**3/6 Beckley, WV (SMW - 425):** Prince Kharis b Anthony Michaels, Ladder match: Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, Rock & Roll Express b Moondogs, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch

**3/7 Dungannon, VA (SMW TV tapings - 250 sellout):** Tracy Smothers b Jason West, Bobby Blaze b Larry Santo, SMW TV title: Mike Furnas b Killer Kyle to win title, Thrillseekers b Masked Infernos (Anthony Michaels & Brian Keyes), Ladder match: Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, Well Dunn b Blaze & West, SMW TV title: Furnas b Mike Samson, Dirty White Boy b Kyle-DQ, Rock & Roll Express b Infernos, Thrillseekers b Santo & Samson, SMW TV title: Mike Furnas b Inferno #1, Prince Kharis b Blaze, Rock & Roll Express b Lee & Candido, Thrillseekers b The Hornet & Samson, SMW TV title: Furnas b Santo, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch

**3/11 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 450):** Thrillseekers (Chris Jericho & Lance Storm) b Infernos, Non-title ladder match: Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, Handicap match: Bob Armstrong b Dick Murdoch & Jim Cornette, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies-DQ, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch

**3/12 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 1,000):** Mike Furnas b Jeff Viktory DUD, Thrillseekers b Infernos \*\*, Non-title ladder match: Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido \*\*\*\*, Handicap match: Bob Armstrong b Jim Cornette & Dick Murdoch \*\*1/4, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch \*\*, 60:00 marathon match: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express 2-1 \*\*\*\*

**3/13 Knoxville (SMW - 1,200):** Thrillseekers b Infernos, Mike Furnas b Killer Kyle, Non-title ladder match: Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, Handicap match: Bob Armstrong b Jim Cornette & Dick Murdoch, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch, 60:00 marathon match for SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Rock & Roll Express 3-2

**3/25 Hurley, VA (SMW - 300):** Lance Storm b Brimstone the Inferno (Brian Keyes), Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies-DQ, Storm won Battle Royal

**3/26 Chilhowie, VA (SMW - 700):** Lance Storm b Fire the Inferno (Anthony Michaels), Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies-DQ, Storm won Battle Royal

**4/1 Pikeville, KY (SMW Bluegrass Brawl II - 1,850 sellout):** Killer Kyle b Anthony Michaels 1/2\*, Lance Storm b Steven Dunn \*\*, Storm b Timothy Well, Ladder match: Tracy Smothers

b Chris Candido \*\*\*\*1/2, Handicap match: Jim Cornette & Bruiser Bedlam (Johnny K-9) b Bob Armstrong \*, Dirty White Boy & Dirty White Girl b Brian Lee & Tammy Fyfch \*\*1/2, Loser leaves town cage match for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*\*1/2

**4/2 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 475):** Tracy Smothers b The Hornet DUD, Lance Storm b Timothy Well \*\*, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Killer Kyle \*1/2, Bruiser Bedlam b Bob Armstrong \*, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ \*\*1/2

**4/4 Clinton, TN (SMW TV taping - 400):** Thrillseekers b Chris Hamrick & The Hornet, SMW TV title: Bruiser Bedlam b Mike Furnas to win title, Ricky Morton b Brian Lee-DQ, Rock & Roll Express b Killer Kyle & Dark Secret (Brian Armstrong), SMW TV title: Bedlam b Bobby Blaze, Lee & Chris Candido b Anthony Michaels & Hamrick, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, Well Dunn b Michaels & Blaze, Kendo the Samurai b Brian Logan (Brian Keyes), SMW TV title: Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, Thrillseekers b Kyle & Inferno (Michaels), White Boy b Secret, SMW TV title: Bedlam b Hamrick, Thrillseekers b Well Dunn

**4/7 Cumberland, KY (SMW - 200):** Steven Dunn b Bobby Blaze, Tracy Smothers b Timothy Well, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Smothers won Battle Royal

**4/8 Manhattan, KS (WCW - 880):** Arn Anderson b Bobby Eaton, Steve Austin b Brian Pillman, Non-title: Kevin & Evad Sullivan b Nasty Boys, WCW Intl title: Rick Steamboat b Rick Rude-DQ, Non-title: Sting b Steve Regal, Vader b Anderson

**4/8 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 500):** Anthony Michaels b The Hornet, Well Dunn b Tracy Smothers & Bobby Blaze, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido, Candido won Paintsville Royal Rumble

**4/9 Morristown, TN (SMW - 550):** Mike Furnas b The Hornet, Well Dunn b Tracy Smothers & Bobby Blaze, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, Lumberjack match: Bob Armstrong b Jim Cornette, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Brian Lee-DQ

**4/14 Harlan, KY (SMW - 253):** Tracy Smothers b Inferno Fire, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis (Rob Mayze), Bruiser Bedlam (Johnny K-9) b Bob Armstrong, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ

**4/15 Dalton, GA (SMW - 98):** Tracy Smothers b Inferno Brimstone, Bobby Blaze b The Hornet, Bruiser Bedlam b Bob Armstrong, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ

**4/17 Knoxville (SMW - 750):** Mike Furnas b Larry Santo, Tracy Smothers & Bobby Blaze b Disco Infernos (Anthony Michaels & Brian Keyes), Dirty White Girl b Peggy Lee Leather, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, Bruiser Bedlam b Bob Armstrong, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Brian Lee-DQ

**4/21 White Sulphur Springs, WV (SMW - 200):** Brad Batten b James Alls, Bart Batten b Fire the Inferno, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express

b Chris Candido & Brimstone the Inferno, White Boy won Battle Royal

**4/22 Clinchco, VA (SMW - 350):** Anthony Michaels b The Hornet, Well Dunn b Tracy Smothers & Bobby Blaze, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Brian Lee-DQ, Smothers won Battle Royal

**4/23 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 750):** Mike Furnas b The Hornet 1/4\*, Well Dunn b Bobby Blaze & Anthony Michaels \*\*, Tracy Smothers b Kendo the Samurai (Tim Horner)-DQ \*3/4, Dirty White Girl b Peggy Lee Leather \*, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis \*1/4, Ricky Morton b Chris Candido \*\*\*, SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Candido b Rock & Roll Express to win titles \*\*\*1/2

**4/29 Lenior, NC (SMW - 300):** Steven Dunn b Anthony Michaels, Timothy Well b Bobby Blaze, Tracy Smothers b Kendo the Samurai-DQ, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ

**4/30 Feds Creek, KY (SMW - 325):** Steven Dunn b Anthony Michaels, Timothy Well b Bobby Blaze, Tracy Smothers b Kendo the Samurai-DQ, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Prince Kharis, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ

**5/2 Harriman, TN (SMW TV taping - 275):** Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle, SMW TV title: Bruiser Bedlam b Anthony Michaels, SMW title: Jake Roberts b Dirty White Boy to win title, SMW TV title: Bedlam b Brian Logan (Bedlam vacates title after 5th consecutive win), Ricky Morton b Chris Candido-DQ, Rock & Roll Express b Kyle & Mike Atkins, Well Dunn b Logan & Michaels, SMW TV title: Kendo the Samurai b Chris Hamrick to become new champ, SMW tag title: Mike Furnas & Blaze b Brian Lee & Candido, Smothers b Logan, SMW TV title: Kendo b White Boy-COR

**5/3 Albany, KY (SMW - 400):** Well Dunn b Bobby Blaze & Anthony Michaels, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Smothers won pole Battle Royal

**5/5 Harlan, KY (SMW - 200):** Well Dunn b Bobby Blaze & Anthony Michaels, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, SMW tag title, no DQ, no time limit: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Rock & Roll Express, Smothers won pole Battle Royal

**5/7 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 550):** Timothy Well b Bobby Blaze, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, SMW tag title, no DQ, no time limit: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Rock & Roll Express, Smothers won pole Battle Royal

**5/8 Beckley, WV (SMW - 350):** Timothy Well b Bobby Blaze, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Smothers won pole Battle Royal

**5/12 Nor, VA (SMW - 200):** Tracy Smothers b Steven Dunn, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, SMW tag title: Steve &

Scott Armstrong b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Smothers won pole Battle Royal

**5/13 Council, VA (SMW - 225):** Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Well Dunn, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Smothers won Pole Battle Royal

**5/14 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 650):** Scott & Steve Armstrong b Well Dunn-DQ \*\*1/2, Handicap match: Tracy Smothers b Jim Cornette & Killer Kyle \*\*1/2, Dirty White b Kendo the Samurai \*1/4, SMW tag title 2 of 3 falls: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Rock & Roll Express \*\*\*\*, White Boy won pole Battle Royal \*1/4

**5/15 Lebanon, KY (SMW - 150):** Well Dunn b Brian Logan & Anthony Michaels, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Smothers won Battle Royal

**5/19 Morganton, NC (SMW - 150):** Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Ricky Morton b Chris Candido

**5/20 Knoxville, TN (SMW Volunteer Slam '94 - 2,000):** Tracy Smothers b Kendo the Samurai (Tim Horner) \*\*1/2, Lance Storm & Chris Jericho (Chris Irvine) b Steven Dunn & Timothy Well \*\*\*, SMW tag titles: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson \*\*\*\*, Bruiser Bedlam b Randy Savage \*\*1/4, SMW title: Jake Roberts NC Dirty White Boy \*\*1/2

**5/21 Morristown, TN (SMW - 700):** Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai-DQ, Randy Savage & Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido & Bruiser Bedlam

**5/22 Marietta, GA (SMW - 340):** North Georgia tag title: Scott & Steve Armstrong b New Jack & Sheik Mustafa-DQ, Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Tracy Smothers b Dory Funk, SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Rock & Roll Express, Jake Roberts & Bruiser Bedlam NC Randy Savage & Dirty White Boy

**5/27 Duff, TN (SMW - 200):** Steven Dunn b Anthony Michaels, Tracy Smothers b Timothy Well, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, SMW tag title: Smothers & Chris Jericho b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Jericho won pole Battle Royal

**5/28 Virgie, KY (SMW - 300):** Tracy Smothers b The Hornet, Chris Jericho b Steven Dunn, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Rock & Roll Express-DQ, Jericho won Battle Royal

**6/2 Hyden, KY (SMW - 110):** Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, Ricky Morton b Chris Candido, Thrillseekers won Battle Royal

**6/4 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 500):** Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Dirty White Boy b Killer Kyle, Coal Miners glove match: Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, Piledriver match for SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido NC Rock & Roll Express

**6/7 Loudon, TN (SMW TV taping - 400):** SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Thrillseekers b Chris Hamrick & Larry Santo, Jake Roberts b James Atkins, SMW TV title: Tracy Smothers b Kendo the Samurai (Bobby Blaze) to win title, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Santo & Atkins, SMW TV title: Smothers b Hamrick, Dirty White Boy b Joe Cazana-DQ, Rules match: Timothy Well b Lance Storm-DQ, Rock & Roll Express b Cazana & Hamrick, Bruiser Bedlam b Santo, SMW TV title: Smothers b Killer Kyle, Thrillseekers b Atkins & Santo, SMW TV title: Smothers b Steven Dunn

**6/10 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 450):** Thrillseekers b Steven Dunn & Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai (Bobby Blaze), Coal Miners glove match: Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, Piledriver match for SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido NC Rock & Roll Express

**6/11 Morristown, TN (SMW - 500):** Thrillseekers b Steven Dunn & Brian Logan (Brian Keyes), Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Coal Miners glove handicap match: Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle & Jim Cornette, Piledriver match for SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido NC Rock & Roll Express

**6/12 Beckley, WV (SMW - 350):** Thrillseekers b Steven Dunn & Brian Logan, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Coal Miners glove match: Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Piledriver match for SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido NC Rock & Roll Express

**6/13 Albany, KY (SMW - 300):** Thrillseekers b Steven Dunn & Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Coal Miners glove match: Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Piledriver match for SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido NC Rock & Roll Express

**6/16 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 300):** Thrillseekers b Steven Dunn & Chris Candido, Kendo the Samurai b Chris Hamrick, Coal Miners glove match: Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, Piledriver match for SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Candido NC Rock & Roll Express

**6/17 Knoxville (SMW - 450):** Thrillseekers b Steven Dunn & Killer Kyle, Coal Miners glove match: Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, Piledriver match for SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido NC Rock & Roll Express, SMW title: Jake Roberts b Dirty White Boy-DQ

**6/18 Johnson City (SMW - 525):** Thrillseekers b Steven Dunn & Killer Kyle \*1/2, Coal Miners glove match: Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers \*\*\*, Piledriver match for SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido NC Rock & Roll Express \*\*\*3/4, SMW title: Jake Roberts b Dirty White Boy-DQ \*

**6/24 Fallsburg, KY (SMW - 102):** Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Thrillseekers b Steven Dunn & Kyle, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Lance Storm won Battle Royal

**6/25 Hickory, NC (SMW - 200):** Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle-DQ, Thrillseekers b Jeff Viktory & Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy b Executioner, Rock & Roll Express b Candido & Kyle, Smothers won Battle Royal

**7/1 Knoxville (SMW - 700):** Penalty box match: Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Rock & Roll Express & Bambi b Brian Lee & Chris

Candido & Tammy Fytch, Dory & Terry Funk b Scott & Steve Armstrong, Dock fight: Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam, Cage match: Dirty White Boy b Bedlam

**7/2 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 850):** Penalty box match: Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Rock & Roll Express & Bambi b Brian Lee & Chris Candido & Tammy Fytch, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Dory & Terry Funk-DQ, Dock fight: Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam, Cage match: Dirty White Boy b Jim Cornette

**7/3 Marietta, GA (SMW - 445):** New Jack & Sheik Mustapha b Scott Studd & Lee Thomas to win North Georgia tag titles, Penalty box match: Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Ricky Morton & Bambi b Chris Candido & Tammy Fytch, Dock fight: Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam, Steve & Scott Armstrong b Dory & Terry Funk-DQ, Cage match: Dirty White Boy b Bedlam

**7/4 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 450):** Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai (Bobby Blaze), Penalty box match: Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, Dock fight: Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam, Rock & Roll Express & Bambi b Brian Lee & Chris Candido & Tammy Fytch

**7/5 Warrensville, NC (SMW TV taping - 500):** Scott Studd b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, Scott & Steve Armstrong b Steve Skyfire & Chris Hamrick, Rock & Roll Express b Infernos (Brian Logan & Anthony Michaels), Tracy Smothers b Brian Lee, SMW TV title: Chris Candido b Studd to win vacant title, New Jack & Sheik Mustapha b Michaels & Hamrick, Thrillseekers b Logan & Skyfire, Dirty White Boy b Logan, Thrillseekers b Michaels & Hamrick, Jack & Mustapha b Studd & Skyfire, SMW tag title: Lee & Candido b Armstrongs-DQ, Dock fight: Smothers b Bedlam, Rock & Roll & Bambi b Lee & Candido & Tammy Fytch

**7/7 Harlan, KY (SMW - 250):** Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai (Brian Logan), Penalty box match: Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Steve & Scott Armstrong, Dock fight: Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam

**7/8 Beckley, WV (SMW - 350):** Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Penalty box match: Thrillseekers b Well Dunn, SMW tag title: Scott & Steve Armstrong b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Dock fight: Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam

**7/9 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 600):** Anthony Michaels b Steve Skyfire 3/4\*, Penalty box match: Thrillseekers b Well Dunn \*\*1/4, SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Scott & Steve Armstrong \*\*\*, Dock fight: Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam \*\*\*\*, Cage match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Candido \*\*\*3/4

**7/14 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 250):** Lance Storm b Chris Hamrick, SMW tag title: Scott & Steve Armstrong b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, No DQ match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai (Brian Keyes), Street fight: Bruiser Bedlam b Steve Armstrong

**7/16 Morristown, TN (SMW - 500):** Steve Skyfire b James Atkins, Lance Storm b Kendo the Samurai, SMW tag title: Steve & Scott Armstrong b Brian Lee & Chris Candido-DQ, Street fight: Bruiser Bedlam b Steve Armstrong, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Lee

**7/22 Fairleah, WV (SMW - 100):** Thrillseekers b Bart & Brad Batten, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, No DQ match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Kyle

**7/23 Chilhowie, VA (SMW - 550):** Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Handicap match: Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle & Jim Cornette, Thrillseekers b Bart & Brad Batten, Rock & Roll Express b Kyle & Chris Candido, White Boy won pole Battle Royal

**7/27 Inez, KY (SMW - 300/fair show):** Thrillseekers b Brad & Bart Batten, Candi Divine b Debbie Combs, Tracy Smothers b Bart Batten, Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Brad Batten

**7/29 Albany, KY (SMW - 400/fair show):** Thrillseekers b Killer Kyle & The Inferno, Bambi b Peggy Lee Leather, Dirty White Boy b Kendo the Samurai, Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam, Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Kyle & Tammy Fyfch, White Boy won Battle Royal

**7/30 Ashland, KY (SMW - 450):** Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam, Bobby Blaze b Al Snow, Smothers & Lance Storm b Brad & Bart Batten, Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Killer Kyle, Blaze won pole Battle Royal

**8/5 Knoxville, TN (SMW Night of the Legends - 5,000):** Chris Walker b Richard Slinger \*, Doug Furnas b Killer Kyle 1/2, Bob Orton & Dick Slater DDQ Ron Garvin (Roger Barnes) & Mongolian Stomper (Archie Gouldie) \*\*\*, SMW tag titles: Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson b Brian Lee & Chris Candido to win titles \*\*\*3/4, Street fight: Lance Storm & Chris Jericho b Tom Prichard & Jimmy Del Rey \*\*\*1/2, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Terry Gordy-DQ 1/2\*, Coward waves the flag match: Road Warrior Hawk (Mike Hegstrand) & Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers b Dory Funk & Terry Funk & Bruiser Bedlam \*\*\*

**8/6 Johnson City, TN (SMW Fire on the Mountain '94 - 1,800):** The Gangstas b Anthony Michaels & Steve Skyfire \*, Doug Furnas b Bob Orton 1/2\*, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Dick Slater \*3/4, Lance Storm & Tracy Smothers b Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*3/4, SMW tag title, Tammy Fyfch's hair vs. Ricky Morton's hair: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Rock & Roll Express to win titles \*\*\* (Candido got some hair cut, Morton didn't have any hair cut), Texas death match: Road Warrior Hawk & Smothers & Bob Armstrong b Dory & Terry Funk & Bruiser Bedlam \*\*\*1/2

**8/7 Beckley, WV (SMW - 650):** The Hornet b James Atkins, Lance Storm & Dirty White Boy b Heavenly Bodies, SMW tag title: Brian Lee & Chris Candido b Rock & Roll Express-DQ, 2 on 3 handicap match: Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam & Killer Kyle & Jim Cornette

**8/8 Saltville, VA (SMW TV taping - 300):** Anthony Michaels b Dan Dubiel, The Gangstas b Steve Skyfire & Brian Logan, Dirty White Boy b Chris Hamrick, Bruiser Bedlam b Dubiel, White Boy b Bedlam, SMW tag titles: Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Brian Lee to win titles, Gangstas b Hamrick & Dubiel, White Boy b Killer Kyle, SMW TV title: Lance Storm b Candido to win title, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Heavenly Bodies, Tracy Smothers b Logan, SMW TV title: Storm b Hamrick, Bedlam b Doug Dalton, Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas, Candido b Skyfire, SMW TV title: Storm b Boo

Bradley (John Rickner aka Abbuda Singh), Gangstas b Dalton & Michaels, Kyle & Bedlam b Smothers & White Boy

**8/11 Everts, KY (SMW - 325):** Dirty White Boy b ?, Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam & Jim Cornette, Lance Storm & White Boy b Heavenly Bodies, White Boy won pole Battle Royal

**8/11 Jefferson City, TN (SMW - 1,000 fairgrounds show):** Mongolian Stomper b Killer Kyle-DQ, Steve Skyfire b The Inferno, SMW tag title, either Ricky Morton or Tammy Fyfch had to bungee jump if they lose: Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Kyle, Stomper won Battle Royal

**8/12 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 500):** Dirty White Boy b Inferno, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Chris Candido & Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy & Lance Storm b Heavenly Bodies, 2-on-3 handicap match: Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers b Bruiser Bedlam & Killer Kyle & Jim Cornette

**8/13 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Lance Storm & Dirty White Boy b Heavenly Bodies, Handicap match: Bob Armstrong b Jim Cornette & Killer Kyle, King of the Mountain tournament: Ricky Morton b Jimmy Del Rey, Morton b Kyle, Chris Candido b Morton, Robert Gibson b Candido, Tracy Smothers b Gibson, Bruiser Bedlam b Smothers, Bedlam b White Boy to win tournament

**8/19 Marietta, GA (SMW - 340):** Jailhouse Rocker b The Flame, Chris Candido b Lance Storm, Bruiser Bedlam b Mr. USA (T.A. Golden), Hair vs. mask: Ricky Morton b Candido, Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers b Bedlam & Killer Kyle & Jim Cornette, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas

**8/20 Newport, TN (SMW - 600 fair show):** Dirty White Boy b Killer Kyle, Lance Storm b Chris Candido, Bruiser Bedlam b Tracy Smothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas, Smothers won Battle Royal

**8/25 Albany, KY (SMW - 200):** Tracy Smothers b The Hornet (Brian Keyes), Hair vs. mask: Ricky Morton b Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy b Killer Kyle, Candido b Lance Storm, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas

**8/26 Jellico, TN (SMW - 150):** Tracy Smothers b The Hornet, Lance Storm b Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy b Killer Kyle, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas, White Boy won Battle Royal

**9/1 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 500):** Hair vs. mask: Ricky Morton b Chris Candido, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, Candido b Brian Lee, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas

**9/2 Beckley, WV (SMW - 425):** Hair vs. mask: Ricky Morton b Chris Candido, Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, Candido b Brian Lee, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas

**9/3 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 500):** Lance Storm b The Hornet \*, Chris Candido b Brian Lee \*\*, Tracy Smothers & Bob Armstrong b Killer Kyle & Jim Cornette \*\*, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ \*\*\*1/4, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express NC The Gangstas \*\*\*\*1/4

**9/5 Cumberland, KY (SMW TV tapings - 400):** A.C. Connor b Mike Maraldo, Bruiser Bedlam b Steve Skyfire, Dirty White Boy b Maraldo-DQ, Chris Candido & Boo Bradley (John Rickner) b Lance Storm & Brian Lee-COR, The Gangstas b Anthony Michaels & Brian Logan, SMW TV title: Bradley b Storm to win title, Bob Armstrong b Killer Kyle-DQ, SMW TV title: Bradley b Lee, Storm b Skyfire, White Boy b Skyfire, SMW TV title: Bradley b Maraldo, Robert Gibson b Inferno Brimstone, Gibson and Nu Jack split Battle Royal

**9/8 Fishersville, VA (SMW - 250):** Doug Dalton b The Hornet, Hair vs. mask: Ricky Morton b Chris Candido, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, Candido b Lance Storm, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas

**9/10 Morristown, TN (SMW - 350):** Lance Storm b Brimstone the Inferno, Hair vs. mask: Ricky Morton b Chris Candido, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, Candido b Brian Lee, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas

**9/16 Knoxville (SMW - 850):** Susan Greene b Leilani Kai, Handicap match: Bob Armstrong b Jim Cornette & Killer Kyle, Chris Candido b Brian Lee, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas, White Boy won Battle Royal

**9/17 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 650):** Lance Storm d Killer Kyle, Hair vs. mask: Ricky Morton b Chris Candido, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, Candido b Brian Lee, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b The Gangstas

**9/19 Cookville, TN (SMW - 600):** Lance Storm b Killer Kyle, Chris Candido b Brian Lee, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas, Lee won Battle Royal

**9/22 Glasgow, KY (SMW - 250):** Killer Kyle b Lance Storm, Chris Candido b Brian Lee, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas, Lee won Battle Royal

**9/23 Hyden, KY (SMW - 350):** Lance Storm b Killer Kyle, Chris Candido b Brian Lee, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, Lee & White Boy b Gangstas

**9/24 Elizabethton, TN (SMW - 250):** Lance Storm b Steve Skyfire, Brian Lee b Chris Candido-DQ, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, White Boy & Lee b Gangstas, Storm won Battle Royal

**9/30 Paintsville, KY (SMW Big Apple Grapple - 850):** Tracy Smothers b A.C. Connor, Lance Storm b Boo Bradley-DQ, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas, Rage in a cage: Rock & Roll & White Boy & Smothers b Bradley & Bedlam & Gangstas

**10/1 Morristown, TN (SMW - 480):** Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Boo Bradley b Lance Storm, Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, No DQ for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas

**10/3 Morganton, NC (SMW TV taping - 450):** Brian Logan b Inferno Brimstone (Anthony Michaels), Tracy Smothers b George South, Gangstas b Sean Casey & Logan, Bryant Anderson b Steve Skyfire, SMW TV title: Scott Studd b Boo

Bradley to win title, Cactus Jack b Chad Austin, SMW TV title: Studd NC Casey, Lance Storm & Brian Lee b South & Skyfire, Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, SMW TV title: Anderson b Studd to win title, Austin b Bedlam-DQ, Ricky Morton NC Nu Jack, Lee & Storm b Logan & Brimstone, Bradley b Austin, SMW TV title: Anderson b Casey, SMW TV title: Anderson b Smothers

**10/7 Sparta, TN (SMW - 300):** Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Lance Storm b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, SMW tag titles: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas-DQ, Smothers won Battle Royal

**10/8 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 659):** Anthony Michaels b Steve Skyfire, Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Boo Bradley b Lance Storm, Whipping match: Bruiser Bedlam b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW title, no no dq: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**10/13 Inez, KY (SMW - 227):** Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Lance Storm b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas-DQ, Smothers won Battle Royal

**10/14 Knoxville (SMW - 481):** Scott Studd b D-Lo Brown (A.C. Connor), Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Boo Bradley b Lance Storm, Whipping match: Bruiser Bedlam b Dirty White Boy-DQ, No dq for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**10/15 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 500):** Scott Studd b D-Lo Brown, Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Boo Bradley b Lance Storm, Whipping match: Bruiser Bedlam b Dirty White Boy-DQ, No dq for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**10/21 Fleming-Neon, KY (SMW - 235):** Tracy Smothers b D. Lo Brown, Lance Storm b Boo Bradley, Dirty White Boy b The Nightmare (Ted Allen), Smothers & Ricky Morton b The Gangstas-DQ, Smothers won Battle Royal

**10/29 Ashland, KY (SMW - 150):** Lance Storm b Bart Batten \*1/4, Tracy Smothers b Brad Batten \*1/2, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Shinobi (Al Snow) \*\*\*1/4, Bobby Blaze b Chris Candido \*\*\*3/4, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas-DQ \*1/2

**11/3 Maryville, TN (SMW - 220):** Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Brian Lee & Lance Storm b Boo Bradley & Chris Candido, Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, Smothers won Battle Royal

**11/4 Everts, KY (SMW - 150):** Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Lance Storm & Brian Lee b Boo Bradley & Chris Candido, Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, Smothers & Storm & Lee & White Boy b Anderson & Bradley & Candido & Bedlam

**11/5 Morristown, TN (SMW - 400):** D.Lo Brown b The Nightmare (Ted Allen), Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Chris Candido & Boo Bradley b Lance Storm & Brian Lee-DQ, Cage handicap match: Bruiser Bedlam & Jim Cornette b Dirty White Boy

**11/6 Hyden, KY (SMW - 200):** Tracy Smothers d Bryant Anderson, Lance Storm & Brian Lee b Chris Candido & Boo Bradley, Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, Smothers & Storm & Lee & White Boy b Anderson & Candido & Bradley & Bedlam

**11/7 Oakwood, VA (SMW TV taping - 400):** D.Lo Brown b The Nightmare, Chris Candido & Boo Bradley b James Adkins & Anthony Michaels, SMW TV title: Bryant Anderson b George South, Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam-DQ, Tracy Smothers b Adkins, SMW TV title: Anderson b Nightmare (Anderson vacated title after this match), Bradley b South, Gangstas b Brian Lee & Lance Storm, SMW TV title: Steve Armstrong b Brown-DQ to keep title vacant, Cactus Jack b Candido, South b Bedlam-DQ, SMW TV title: Lee b Nightmare to become champion, SMW tag title: Gangstas b Steve & Scott Armstrong

**11/10 Cookville, TN (SMW - 550):** Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Lance Storm & Brian Lee b Chris Candido & Boo Bradley-DQ, Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, No DQ for SMW tag titles: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**11/11 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 300):** Bryant Anderson d Tracy Smothers \*\*1/2, Brian Lee & Lance Storm b Chris Candido & Boo Bradley-DQ \*1/2, Strap match: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam DUD, No DQ for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express \*\*\*

**11/12 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 550):** D.Lo Brown b The Nightmare, No time limit: Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Chris Candido & Boo Bradley b Lance Storm & Brian Lee, Tornado match for SMW tag titles: Gangstas NC Rock & Roll Express, Handicap cage match: Bruiser Bedlam & Jim Cornette b Dirty White Boy

**11/17 Philadelphia Stanton Hall (NWA/SMW - 162):** Osamu Nishimura b Devon Storm, Doink the Clown (Mike Maraldo) b Abbuda Singh (Boo Bradley), Mark Curtis (SMW referee Brian Hildebrand) b Jim Cornette, Johnny Gunn b Derrick Domino, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Scotty Flamingo, Ladder match: Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas-DQ

**11/18 Pleasantville, NJ (NWA/SMW - 100):** Cousin Luke b Abbuda Singh, Johnny Gunn b Doink the Clown, Al Snow b Devon Storm, Tracy Smothers b Chris Candido-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas-DQ

**11/19 Cherry Hill, NJ (NWA/SMW - 625):** First round NWA tournament: Tracy Smothers b Devon Storm, Eddie Gilbert b Johnny Gunn, Chris Candido b Al Snow, Dirty White Boy b Jerry Lawler-DQ, Lou Perez d Osamu Nishimura, Non-tourney: Inferno Kid b Mr. Motion, Scotty Flamingo b Doink the Clown (Mike Maraldo), Second round: Smothers b Gilbert, Candido b White Boy, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas-DQ, Tourney final: Candido b Smothers to become NWA champion

**11/24 Knoxville (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 1,500):** Lance Storm b D.Lo Brown, Bryant Anderson b Tracy Smothers, Dirty White Boy & Ron Wright b Bruiser Bedlam & Jim Cornette, Cactus Jack & Brian Lee DCOR Chris Candido & Boo Bradley, Bob Armstrong b Bob Orton, Street fight for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**11/25 Paintsville, KY (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 950):** Lance Storm b D.Lo Brown, Bryant Anderson b Tracy Smothers, Dirty White Boy & Ron Wright b Bruiser Bedlam & Jim Cornette, Brian Lee & Cactus Jack DCOR Chris Candido & Boo Bradley, Bob Armstrong b Bob Orton, Ghetto street fight for SMW tag titles: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**11/26 Johnson City, TN (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 1,250):** Lance Storm b D.Lo Brown \*, Bryant Anderson b Tracy Smothers \*\*1/4, Dirty White Boy & Ron Wright b Bruiser Bedlam & Jim Cornette \*\*, Brian Lee & Cactus Jack DCOR Chris Candido & Boo Bradley \*\*\*1/2, Bob Armstrong b Bob Orton 1/2\*, Street fight for SMW tag titles: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express \*\*\*1/2

**11/27 Marietta, GA (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 650):** Lee Thomas b Silo Slim to win North Georgia title \*\*\*, Bryant Anderson b Tracy Smothers \*3/4, Dirty White Boy & Sam Kent b Jim Cornette & Bruiser Bedlam DUD, Brian Lee & Cactus Jack DCOR Chris Candido & Boo Bradley \*\*\*1/2, Bob Armstrong b Bob Orton \*, Ghetto street fight for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express \*\*\*1/4

**12/1 Haysai, VA (SMW - 200):** Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, Ricky Morton b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas-DQ

**12/2 Erlanger, KY (SMW - 600):** Sean Casey b Damian (obviously not FMW wrestler of same name) \*\*, Ron Cumberledge b Tower of Doom 1/2\*, Bryant Anderson b Tracy Smothers \*\*, Cactus Jack & Brian Lee DCOR Chris Candido & Boo Bradley \*\*\*1/4, Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam DUD, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas-DQ \*\*1/2

**12/3 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 400):** Tracy Smothers b The Nightmare (Ted Allen), Cactus Jack & Brian Lee b Chris Candido & Boo Bradley, Dirty White Boy & Ron Wright b Bruiser Bedlam & Jim Cornette, Street fight for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**12/5 Princeton, WV (SMW TV taping - 250):** Strap match for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Bruiser Bedlam, Tracy Smothers b Nightmare, SMW TV title: Brian Lee b Inferno #1, Gangstas b Brian Logan & Steve Skyfire, Cactus Jack DCOR Boo Bradley, White Boy b Nightmare, Buddy Landel b Skyfire, SMW TV title: Lee b D.Lo Brown, Rock & Roll Express b Infernos, Chris Candido b Skyfire, Brown NC Inferno #2, Bryant Anderson b Anthony Michaels, SMW TV title: Landel b Lee to win title, Smothers b Anderson, Jack b Bedlam-DQ, Ghetto street fight for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**12/9 Morganton, NC (SMW - 600):** Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Handicap match: Dirty White Boy b Jim Cornette & Bruiser Bedlam, Smothers & White Boy b Chris Candido & Boo Bradley, Ghetto street fight for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**12/10 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Dirty White Boy & Ron Wright b Jim Cornette & Bruiser Bedlam, Smothers & Mongolian Stomper b Chris Candido & Boo Bradley, Ghetto street fight for SMW tag title: Gangstas b Rock & Roll Express

**12/25 Knoxville (SMW Christmas Chaos - 2,315):** Power Ranger (Ted Allen) b D.Lo Brown, I Quit match: Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Falls count anywhere: Cactus Jack & Smothers b Boo Bradley & Chris Candido, SMW tag titles: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas to win titles

**12/26 Johnson City (SMW Christmas Chaos - 1,275):** Power Ranger b D.Lo Brown 1/4\*, I Quit match: Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson \*\*3/4, Falls count anywhere: Cactus Jack b Chris Candido \*\*\*\*, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy-DQ \*\*, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas \*\*\*3/4

**12/27 Lenoir, NC (SMW Christmas Chaos - 700 sellout):** Power Ranger b D.Lo Brown, I Quit match: Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Falls count anywhere: Cactus Jack b Chris Candido, SMW tag titles: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas

**12/29 Erlanger, KY (SMW - 650):** Sean Casey b Brian Taylor \*1/4, I Quit match: Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson \*3/4, Falls count anywhere: Cactus Jack b Chris Candido \*\*\*\*1/4, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy-DQ 1/2\*, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas \*\*, Cactus Jack won Royal Rumble Battle Royal \*3/4

**12/30 Ashland, KY (SMW - 500):** I Quit match: Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, The Buddha b The Executioner, Falls count anywhere: Cactus Jack b Chris Candido, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy-DQ, Rock & Roll Express & Bobby Blaze b Gangstas & D.Lo Brown

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**1/2 Sevierville, TN (SMW TV tapings - 400):** D.Lo Brown b Tommy Pitner, Boo Bradley b Scott McKeever, SMW TV title: Buddy Landel b George South, Eddie Gilbert b Ricky Morton, SMW TV title: Landel b Pitner, Bradley b Chris Candido-DQ, Nu Jack NC Steve Armstrong, Rock & Roll Express b Gilbert & Unabom (Glen Jacobs)-DQ, Gangstas b Wolfman & Pitner, SMW TV title: Landel b Dirty White Boy, Gilbert & Unabom won Rumble Royal Battle Royal, Bryant Anderson b Pitner, SMW TV title: Landel b McKeever, Bradley b Wolfman, Unabom b Robert Gibson-DQ

**1/5 White, GA (SMW - 225):** The Nightmare (Ted Allen) b D.Lo Brown, Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Mustafa Saed-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas, White Boy won Rumble Battle Royal

**1/7 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 375):** Power Ranger (Ted Allen) b D.Lo Brown, Chris Candido b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas, Bradley won Rumble Battle Royal

**1/13 Williamsburg, KY (SMW - 250):** Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas

**1/14 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 707):** Bryant Anderson b The Nightmare (Ted Allen) 1/2\*, Tracy Smothers b D.Lo Brown \*\*1/4, Chris Candido b Boo Bradley \*\*\*1/2, No DQ for SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel \*, Lumberjacks with

tennis racquets for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas \*\*\*1/2, Bradley won Rumble Royal Battle Royal \*1/2

**1/20 Newport, TN (SMW - 225):** Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas

**1/21 Morristown, TN (SMW - 500):** I Quit match: Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Chris Candido b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas, Smothers won Rumble Royal

**1/27 Cookville, TN (SMW - 263):** I Quit match: Tracy Smothers b Bryant Anderson, Chris Candido b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel-DQ, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Gangstas, Lights out match: Gangstas b Heavenly Bodies, White Boy won Rumble Royal

**1/28 Knoxville, TN (SMW Super Saturday Night Fever - 2,000):** D.Lo Brown b Brian Logan \*1/2, Boo Bradley b Chris Candido \*\*\*1/2, Ricky Morton b Unabom-DQ \*, Buddy Landel b Tracy Smothers \*\*1/2, SMW title: Jerry Lawler b Dirty White Boy to win title \*\*1/4, Lights out match: White Boy b Landel \*1/4, Heavenly Bodies DDQ Gangstas \*\*\*\*1/4, Morton won Rumble Royal \*\*

**2/2 Maryville, TN (SMW - 235):** Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, Ricky Morton b Unabom-DQ, Tracy Smothers & Robert Gibson b The Gangstas, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel

**2/3 Hurley, VA (SMW - 450):** Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, Ricky Morton b Unabom-DQ, Tracy Smothers & Robert Gibson b The Gangstas, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel

**2/4 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 275):** D.Lo Brown b The Nightmare (Ted Allen), Loser must eat dog food: Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, Unabom b Ricky Morton, No DQ no time limit: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy, The Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Bob Armstrong

**2/6 Lenoir, NC (SMW TV taping - 375):** D.Lo Brown b Wolfman, SMW TV title: Boo Bradley b Wolfman to win vacant title, Al Snow b George South, Snow b South, Tracy Smothers & Scott Armstrong b Infernos (Brian Logan & Anthony Michaels), SMW TV title: Bradley b Brimstone the Inferno (Logan), Billy Black b South, Snow & Unabom b Wolfman & Michaels, SMW tag title: Snow & Unabom b Rock & Roll Express-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Logan, SMW TV title: Black b Bradley to win title, Buddy Landel b Michaels, Gangstas b Smothers & Armstrong, Dogfood match: Bradley b Chris Candido, Snow & Unabom b South & Michaels, SMW TV title: Black b Logan, White Boy b Landel-DQ

**2/10 Lake City, TN (SMW - 200):** Loser eats dog food: Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, Robert Gibson b Unabom-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel-DQ, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Scott Armstrong

**2/11 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Loser eats dog food: Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, Robert Gibson b Unabom-DQ, No dq match: Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy, Gangstas DDQ Tracy Smothers & Scott Armstrong

**2/17 Villa Rica, GA (SMW - 225):** Dog food match: Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, Dirty White Boy b Mustafa Saed, Ricky Morton b Unabom-DQ, Tracy Smothers & Scott Armstrong b Gangstas-DQ

**2/18 Princeton, WV (SMW - 300):** Robert Gibson b Unabom-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel-DQ, Boo Bradley b Mr. Wrestling '95, Nu Jack b Tracy Smothers, Rock & Roll Express b Mustafa Saed & D.Lo Brown, Morton won Battle Royal

**2/23 Ashland, KY (SMW - 400):** Loser eats dog food: Boo Bradley b Chris Candido, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel, Heavenly Bodies & Bobby Blaze b Gangstas & D.Lo Brown

**2/24 Erlanger, KY (SMW - 400):** Tracy Smothers b D.Lo Brown \*1/4, Loser eats dog food: Boo Bradley b Chris Candido \*\*\*3/4, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Unabom & Al Snow-DQ \*\*, Buddy Landel b Dirty White Boy DUD, NWA title: Dan Severn b Candido \*3/4, Gangstas b Heavenly Bodies \*\*\*3/4

**2/25 Johnson City, TN (SMW Brawl in the Hall - 1,200):** Loser eats dog food: Boo Bradley b Chris Candido \*\*\*1/2, Gangstas & D.Lo Brown b Bob & Scott Armstrong & Tracy Smothers \*\*\*, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ \*\*\*1/2, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Jerry Lawler-DQ \*\*, Street fight: Heavenly Bodies b Gangstas \*\*\*\*

**2/26 Knoxville (SMW Sunday Bloody Sunday II - 1,100):** Bobby Blaze b Brian Logan 1/2\*, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Scott Armstrong \*\*1/2, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ 24:39 \*1/4, Loser leaves town dog collar match: Boo Bradley b Chris Candido 20:10 \*\*1/4, SMW title: Blaze b Jerry Lawler to win title \*1/2, SMW title: Blaze b Buddy Landel \*1/2, Bob Armstrong referee: Jim Cornette & Heavenly Bodies b Gangstas & D.Lo Brown \*\*3/4

**3/2 Caryville, TN (SMW - 125):** Boo Bradley b Billy Black, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Unabom & Al Snow, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Bradley, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel

**3/3 Harlan, KY (SMW - 200):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Bradley, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel

**3/4 Chilhowie, VA (SMW - 600):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel-DQ, Mustafa Saed b Tracy Smothers

**3/6 Council, VA (SMW TV taping - 425):** Tracy Smothers b D.Lo Brown, Buddy Landel b Wolfman, Bobby Blaze b Mike Samson, Al Snow & Unabom b Larry Santo & Ken Arden, SMW TV title: Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle-DQ (title vacant because champ Billy Black left promotion, because of DQ, title remains vacant), Dirty White Boy b Samson, SMW TV title: Kyle b Bradley to win title, Snow & Unabom NC Santo & Wolfman, SMW title: Blaze b Landel, SMW TV title: Kyle b Arden, Nu Jack b Smothers, Bradley b Samson, SMW TV title: Kyle b Wolfman, Ricky Morton b Snow, White Boy b Landel

**3/9 Williamsburg, KY (SMW - 200):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel, Gangstas b Tracy

Smothers & Bradley, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ

**3/10 Cookville, TN (SMW - 400):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Boo Bradley, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ

**3/11 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, First blood match: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel, Gangstas NC Tracy Smothers & Bradley, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ

**3/17 West Liberty, KY (SMW - 550):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel, Gangstas b Bradley & Tracy Smothers

**3/18 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 550):** Killer Kyle b Boo Bradley, Elimination match for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom, SMW title: Bobby Blaze b Buddy Landel-DQ, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers, Cage match: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel

**3/19 Knoxville (SMW - 400):** Killer Kyle b Boo Bradley, Elimination match for SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom, SMW title: Bobby Blaze b Buddy Landel-DQ, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Bob Armstrong, Cage match: Dirty White Boy b Landel

**3/23 Flatwood, KY (SMW - 100):** Killer Kyle b Boo Bradley, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel-DQ, Gangstas b Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom

**3/24 Erlanger, KY (SMW - 200):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Bradley, Cage match: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel

**3/25 Oakwood, VA (SMW - 400):** Robert Gibson b D.Lo Brown, Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Unabom b Ricky Morton, Gangstas b Tracy Smothers & Bradley, Lumberjack match: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel

**3/31 Lake City, TN (SMW - 300):** Unabom b Larry Santo, Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel, Gangstas b Boo Bradley & Tracy Smothers

**4/1 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 500):** Unabom b Kruger, Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Bobby Blaze b Buddy Landel-DQ, Gangstas b Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers

**4/4 Hurley, VA (SMW - 300):** Robert Gibson b D.Lo Brown, Ricky Morton b Unabom-DQ, Buddy Landel b Boo Bradley, Gangstas b Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers

**4/6 Harriman, TN (SMW - 700):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel-DQ, Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers b Gangstas

**4/7 Pikeville, KY (SMW Bluegrass Brawl '95 - 2,000 sellout):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Bobby Blaze d

Buddy Landel, Coal Miners glove match for SMW tag title: Al Snow & Unabom b Rock & Roll Express, Chain match: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel, Loser salutes winners flag 2 on 3 handicap match: Tracy Smothers & The Undertaker b Gangstas & D.Lo Brown

**4/8 Johnson City, TN (SMW Fright Night - 1,800):** Al Snow d Robert Gibson \*\*\*, Anything goes match: Killer Kyle b Boo Bradley \*, Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel \*1/2, Coal Miners glove match: Unabom b Ricky Morton \*\*\*1/4, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze to win title \*\*, I Quit match: Bob Armstrong & Tracy Smothers & The Undertaker b Gangstas & D.Lo Brown \*\*\*3/4

**4/13 Warrensville, NC (SMW TV tapings - 350):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, Bobby Fulton b George South, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Larry Santo & Wolfman, SMW TV title: Killer Kyle b Mike Mason, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze, Steve Armstrong b Santo, SMW TV title: Blaze b Kyle to win title, Al Snow & Unabom b Mason & South-DQ, SMW title: Landel b Fulton, SMW TV title: Blaze b Mason, Bradley b Santo, Robert Gibson b Wolfman, Smothers & White Boy b Gangstas, SMW title, match only can be won via figure four: Landel b Steve Armstrong, Bradley b South, SMW TV title: Blaze b Snow-DQ

**4/15 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Unabom b George South, Tennis racquet legal: Boo Bradley & Jim Cornette b Killer Kyle & D.Lo Brown, SMW title 2/3 falls: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze, Street fight: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Gangstas

**4/20 Ashland, KY (SMW - 350):** Mighty Buddha b Executioner, Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, SMW tag title: Al Snow & Unabom b Bart & Brad Batten, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze-DQ, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Gangstas

**4/21 Spencer, WV (SMW):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, SMW tag title: Al Snow & Unabom b Bart & Brad Batten, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze-DQ, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Gangstas

**4/22 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 305):** Unabom b George South \*\*, Tennis racquet legal: Jim Cornette & Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown & New Jack-DQ \*\*\*1/2, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze \*\*, Street fight: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Gangstas \*\*\*\*

**4/27 Knoxville (SMW):** 2 of 3 falls: Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers DDQ Al Snow & Unabom (one match show)

**4/28 LaFollette, TN (SMW - 250):** D.Lo Brown b Larry Santo, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze, SMW tag title: Al Snow & Unabom b Steve & Scott Armstrong, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Gangstas

**4/29 Mosheim, TN (SMW - 300):** D.Lo Brown b Larry Santo, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze, SMW tag title: Al Snow & Unabom b Steve & Scott Armstrong, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Gangstas

**5/4 Kingston, TN (SMW - 375):** Bobby Blaze b D.Lo Brown, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Gangstas, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, SMW tag title: Al Snow

& Unabom b Robert Gibson & Boo Bradley, Steve Armstrong won pole Battle Royal

**5/5 Clinchco, VA (SMW - 200):** Bobby Blaze b D.Lo Brown, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Gangstas, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, SMW tag title: Al Snow & Unabom b Robert Gibson & Boo Bradley

**5/11 Louisa, KY (SMW - 85):** Killer Kyle b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Gangstas, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ

**5/12 Monticello, KY (SMW - 500):** Killer Kyle b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Bobby Blaze, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Gangstas, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ, Blaze won pole Battle Royal

**5/13 Cleveland, TN (SMW - 150):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Gangstas, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom-DQ, Steve Armstrong won Battle Royal

**5/18 Cookville, TN (SMW - 450):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b Al Snow & Unabom, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy & Bob Armstrong b Gangstas & D.Lo Brown

**5/19 Knoxville (SMW Volunteer Slam - 1,550):** Bobby Blaze b D.Lo Brown \*\*\*1/4, Falls count anywhere: Robert Gibson b Unabom 3/4\*, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ 3/4\*, Dog collar match: Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle \*\*\*3/4, USWA tag title: PG-13 b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy-DQ \*\*\*3/4, Texas death match: Bob Armstrong & Terry Funk b Gangstas \*\*\*\*, Scaffold match: Ricky Morton b Al Snow \*\*\*

**5/20 Charlotte (SMW Charlotte Memories - 200):** Falls count anywhere: Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle \*, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ \*1/2, NWA title: Dan Severn b Bobby Blaze \*, Street fight: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Gangstas \*\*\*1/2, Cage match: Al Snow & Unabom b Rock & Roll Express\*

**5/25 Hickory, NC (SMW - 125):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Gangstas, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Rock & Roll Express DDQ Al Snow & Unabom

**5/26 Harlan, KY (SMW - 150):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Gangstas, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Rock & Roll Express DDQ Al Snow & Unabom

**5/27 Morristown, TN (SMW - 450):** Falls count anywhere: Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Steve Armstrong, Elimination match: Gangstas & D.Lo Brown b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy & Boo Bradley, Rock & Roll Express DDQ Al Snow & Unabom

**6/1 Maryville, TN (SMW - 100):** Boo Bradley b Mustafa Saed, Dirty White Boy b Nu Jack, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express NC Al Snow & Unabom

**6/2 Cumberland, KY (SMW - 200):** Bobby Blaze b Mustafa Saed, Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy b Nu Jack, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express NC AI Snow & Unabom

**6/3 Chilhowie, VA (SMW - 450):** Bobby Blaze b Mustafa Saed, Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Chain match: Dirty White Boy b Nu Jack, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Steve Armstrong b Jim Cornette-DQ, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express NC AI Snow & Unabom

**6/8 Richwood, WV (SMW):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Dirty White Boy b Buddy Landel-DQ, Non-title: Robert Gibson & White Boy b AI Snow & Unabom, White Boy won Battle Royal

**6/9 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 500):** Bobby Blaze b Mustafa Saed, Jersey dog fight match: Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Steve Armstrong-DQ, Chain match: Dirty White Boy b Nu Jack, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom

**6/10 Johnson City (SMW - 400):** D.Lo Brown b Bobby Blaze \*3/4, Jersey dog fight match: Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle \*1/4, Figure four challenge for SMW title: Buddy Landel b Steve Armstrong \*1/2, Stretcher match: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Nu Jack & Brown \*\*\*1/4, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom \*\*\*

**6/12 Sevierville, TN (SMW TV taping - 300):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Head Bangers (Chaz Warrington & Glen Ruth) b Larry Santo & Mike Mason, SMW tag title: AI Snow & Unabom b Lee Thomas & Wolfman, Bradley b D.Lo Brown, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Steve Armstrong, Non-title: Brad Armstrong b Landel, Terry Gordy b Lee Thomas, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Kyle & Brown, Head Bangers b Wolfman & Mason, Brad Armstrong b Santo, Gordy b Bradley, White Boy & Smothers b Brown & Santo, Punisher (Sam McGraw) b Mason, Brad Armstrong b Kyle, SMW tag title: Rock & Roll Express b Snow & Unabom-DQ

**6/22 Jenkins, KY (SMW - 450):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Head Bangers, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom

**6/23 Oakridge, TN (SMW - 300):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Steve Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Steve Armstrong b Jim Cornette-DQ, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Head Bangers, Non-title street fight: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom

**6/24 Bland, VA (SMW - 250):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Buddy Landel b Steve Armstrong, Tracy Smothers & Bobby Blaze b Head Bangers, Rock & Roll Express b Landel & Unabom

**6/29 Feds Creek, KY (SMW - 300):** Dirty White Boy b Head Banger Thrasher (Glen Ruth), Tracy Smothers b Head Banger Mosh (Chaz Warrington), SMW title: Buddy Landel b Boo Bradley, Smothers & White Boy b AI Snow & Unabom-DQ

**6/30 Williamsburg, KY (SMW - 100):** Head Banger Thrasher b Tracy Smothers, SMW title: Buddy Landel DDQ Brad Armstrong, Smothers & Dirty White Boy & Boo Bradley b Head

Bangers & Killer Kyle, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom-COR

**7/1 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 525):** Head Bangers b Bobby Blaze & Larry Santo, Falls count anywhere: Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Head Bangers, SMW title: Buddy Landel NC Brad Armstrong (title held up after this match), Non-title cage match: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom

**7/4 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 700):** Boo Bradley b D.Lo Brown, Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Head Bangers, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, Non-title cage match: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom

**7/6 Jellico, TN (SMW TV tapings - 400):** Bobby Blaze b Killer Kyle, PG-13 b Matt & Jeff Hardy, Buddy Landel b Wolfman, Tommy Rich b Jason Arndt, SMW tag title: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b AI Snow & Unabom to win titles, Terry Gordy b Arndt, Head Bangers b Matt & Jeff Hardy, Rock & Roll Express b Kyle & D.Lo Brown, Brad Armstrong b Brown, Tommy Rich b Boo Bradley, SMW tag title: Head Bangers b Smothers & White Boy-DQ, Snow & Unabom b Arndt & Matt Hardy, The Punisher b Jeff Hardy, Gordy & Rich b Bradley & Blaze, Brad Armstrong b Snow, Brad Armstrong b Unabom, Landel b Brad Armstrong, PG-13 b Rock & Roll Express-DQ

**7/7 Clinchport, VA (SMW - 300):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Head Bangers, SMW title: Brad Armstrong DDQ Buddy Landel, Non-title: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom-COR, Armstrong won Pole Battle Royal

**7/8 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 500):** Chip the Firebreaker (Curtis Thompson) b Mighty Destroyer (Mike Samson) DUD, SMW tag title: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Head Bangers \*\*\*1/2, Punisher b Boo Bradley \*3/4, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ \*\*1/4, Thundercage match: Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom \*\*\*1/4

**7/8 Monticello, KY (SMW - 800/free fairgrounds show):** Larry Santo b Centurion, Bobby Blaze b Brian Logan, 2 of 3 falls: The Bullet (Bob Armstrong) & Steve Armstrong b Killer Kyle & D.Lo Brown, Bullet won Battle Royal

**7/15 Knoxville (SMW Summer Blast - 750):** SMW tag titles: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Head Bangers \*\*\*3/4, Tommy Rich b Boo Bradley \*1/2, The Punisher b Steve Armstrong \*\*, Mark Curtis b Randy Hales \*\*, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ \*\*\*1/2, Rock & Roll Express b AI Snow & Unabom \*\*\*3/4

**7/18 Danville, KY (SMW - 600/fairgrounds show):** Wolfman b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy b Unabom, Bobby Blaze & Boo Bradley b Head Bangers, Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ

**7/21 Oak Ridge, TN (SMW - 125):** Rock & Roll Express b Head Bangers, Terry Gordy b Boo Bradley, Buddy Landel b Brad Armstrong, SMW tag title: Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b AI Snow & Unabom, Armstrong won Pole Battle Royal

**7/22 Morristown, TN (SMW - 400):** Robert Gibson b Head Banger Mosh \*1/2, Boo Bradley DDQ Terry Gordy DUD, Buddy Landel b Brad Armstrong \*\*, SMW tag titles: Tracy Smothers &

Dirty White Boy b Al Snow & Unabom \*\*\*\*, Armstrong won pole Battle Royal \*\*

**7/28 Princeton, WV (SMW - 125):** Boo Bradley b Killer Kyle, Dirty White Boy b Unabom, Robert Gibson & Bradley b Head Bangers, Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel

**7/29 Williamsburg, KY (SMW - 150):** Head Bangers b Robert Gibson & Rockin Ron, Handicap match: Brad Armstrong b Jim Cornette & Buddy Landel, Dirty White Boy b Unabom

**8/4 Knoxville, TN (SMW Superbowl of Wrestling - 3,000):** Brian Armstrong b D Lo Brown 1/2 \*, Headbangers b Chris Michaels & Flash Flanagan \*\*1/2, USWA tag title: PG-13 b Jackie Fulton & Curtis Thompson \*, Punisher b Bob Armstrong \*1/4, MTW title: Al Snow b Marty Jannetty to win title \*\*\*\*, NWA title: Dan Severn b Bobby Blaze \*, Terry Gordy & Tommy Rich b Mongolian Stomper & Boo Bradley \*1/4, USWA title: Brad Armstrong b Billy Jack Haynes to win title \*\*3/4, Undertaker b Unabom \*\*, SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy to win titles \*\*\*3/4, WWF IC title: Shawn Michaels b Buddy Landel \*\*\*3/4

**8/5 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 750):** Brian Armstrong b Head Banger Mosh, USWA tag title: PG-13 b Robert Gibson & Bobby Blaze, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Al Snow & Unabom, Terry Gordy & Tommy Rich b Mongolian Stomper & Boo Bradley, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b White Boy & Smothers, Buddy Landel NC Brad Armstrong

**8/7 Marion, VA (SMW - 150):** Flasher d Curtis Thompson, Dirty White Boy b Head Banger Mosh, Terry Gordy b Boo Bradley, Bob & Brian Armstrong b Al Snow & Unabom, Thompson won Battle Royal

**8/10 Cookville, TN (SMW - 300):** Robert Gibson b Head Banger Thrasher, Tommy Rich & The Punisher b Boo Bradley & Mongolian Stomper, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b PG-13, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Smothers & White Boy

**8/11 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 523):** Robert Gibson b Head Banger Mosh \*\*, Tommy Rich b Boo Bradley 22:29 DUD, Al Snow b Tracy Smothers \*\*, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel-DQ \*\*, Elimination four corners tag match: Heavenly Bodies won over Thugs, Snow & Unabom and Head Bangers 25:22 \*\*\*1/2

**8/12 Johnson City, TN (SMW Fire on the Mountain - 1,900):** Bradley blindfolded match: Boo Bradley b Tommy Rich 1/4\*, Handicap match, if Gibson loses he has to wear a dress: Robert Gibson b Head Bangers \*1/4, No winner of six man Battle Royal DUD, Falls count anywhere: Rich & The Punisher b Bradley & Brian Armstrong \*\*1/4, Winners get tag title shot, loser of falls leaves town, Cornette referee: Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Al Snow & Unabom \*\*, Brad Armstrong b Brian Lee \*\*1/4, Ron Wright b Dirty White Boy, First blood: Jim Cornette b Bob Armstrong \*1/4, Lumberjack match for held up SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel to win title \*\*\*1/4, SMW tag title: White Boy & Smothers b Heavenly Bodies-DQ \*\*\*1/2

**8/13 Charlotte (SMW - 80):** One-night tag team tournament for Carolina Cup: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Tommy Rich & The Punisher, Head Bangers b Robert Gibson & Curtis Thompson, Heavenly Bodies b Bobby Fulton & Boo Bradley,

Smothers & White Boy b Head Bangers, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel, White Boy & Smothers b Bodies to win tournament

**8/18 Lake City, TN (SMW - 76):** Killer Kyle b Johnny Meadows, The Punisher b Boo Bradley, Dirty White Boy & Bobby Blaze b Head Bangers, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel

**8/19 Newport, TN (SMW - 650/fair show):** Killer Kyle b Johnny Meadows, The Punisher b Boo Bradley, Dirty White Boy & Bobby Blaze b Head Bangers, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel, Armstrong won Battle Royal

**8/26 Morristown, TN (SMW - 400):** Robert Gibson b Punisher-DQ, Ninja Turtle (Mark Curtis aka Brian Hildebrand) b Jim Cornette, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Head Bangers, Tommy Rich & Terry Gordy b Boo Bradley & Mongolian Stomper, SMW title 2/3 falls: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel, Elimination match: Punisher & Head Bangers & Rich & Gordy b Gibson & Smothers & White Boy & Bradley & Stomper

**9/1 Hyden, KY (SMW - 200):** Tommy Rich d Robert Gibson, Terry Gordy b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel, SMW tag title: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Heavenly Bodies-DQ

**9/2 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 450):** The Punisher b Chris Michaels, Jersey dog fight: Terry Gordy b Boo Bradley, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy-DQ, Bob & Brad Armstrong b Buddy Landel & Tommy Rich

**9/2 Clinton, TN (SMW - fair show):** Rockin Ron b ?, Mongolian Stomper b Killer Kyle, Robert Gibson & Curtis Thompson b Head Bangers, Stomper won Battle Royal

**9/4 Jenkins, KY (SMW - 600):** Robert Gibson d Buddy Landel, The Punisher b Bob Armstrong-DQ, Terry Gordy b Boo Bradley, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Tommy Rich, SMW tag title: Dirty White Boy & Tracy

**9/5 Cookeville, TN (SMW TV tapings - 400):** Boo Bradley b Head Banger Thrasher, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Killer Kyle & Larry Santo, Heavenly Bodies b Ron Davis & Chris Michaels, Tommy Rich b Santo, SMW tag titles: Bodies b Robert Gibson & Michaels-DQ, Buddy Landel b Kyle, Boo Bradley b Punisher-DQ, Terry Gordy b Wolfman, Landel b Mosh, Rich b Davis, One hand tied behind Bob's back: Bob Armstrong b Jim Cornette-DQ, Michaels b Santo, Rich b Gibson, Head Bangers b Wolfman & Davis, SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b White Boy & Smothers

**9/7 Louisa, KY (SMW - 80):** Buddy Landel b Billy Lee, Robert Gibson b Al Snow, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Tommy Rich, SMW tag title: Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Heavenly Bodies-DQ

**9/8 Lenior City, NC (SMW - 175):** Buddy Landel b Al Snow, Tommy Rich b Robert Gibson, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy-DQ, SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy, Smothers won Battle Royal

**9/9 Johnson City, TN (SMW - 400):** Head Banger Thrasher d Scott Armstrong \*, Buddy Landel b Head Banger Mosh \*\*, Robert Gibson b Al Snow \*\*\*1/4, Landel b Thrasher \*1/2, First

blood match: Bob Armstrong b Punisher DUD, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy-DQ \*\*, Landel DCOR Tommy Rich \*\*3/4, Street fight for SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy \*\*\*1/2

**9/14 Hickory, NC (SMW - 175):** Robert Gibson b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Al Snow, Buddy Landel DDQ Tommy Rich, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy

**9/15 Knoxville (SMW - 2,500/fairgrounds show):** Chris Michaels & Flash Flanagan b Head Bangers, Butch Cassidy b Bad Boy Bully, Robert Gibson b Al Snow, Tommy Rich DCOR Buddy Landel, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy-DQ, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy

**9/16 Morristown, TN (SMW - 275):** Robert Gibson b Al Snow, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy-DQ, SMW tag title: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy, Tommy Rich DCOR Buddy Landel

**9/21 Manchester, TN (SMW - 1,200 fairgrounds show):** Robert Gibson b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Head Bangers, Buddy Landel b Tommy Rich, Kyle won Battle Royal

**9/22 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 250):** Robert Gibson b Head Banger Thrasher, SMW title: Terry Gordy b Brad Armstrong-DQ, SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy, Buddy Landel DCOR Tommy Rich

**9/29 Clairfield, TN (SMW - 75):** Buddy Landel b Killer Kyle, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b The Punisher, Dirty White Boy & Robert Gibson b Head Bangers, Landel won Battle Royal

**10/5 Harriman, TN (SMW - 550):** Tom Prichard b Chris Michaels, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Punisher, SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Robert Gibson & Dirty White Boy, Buddy Landel DCOR Tommy Rich

**10/6 Paintsville, KY (SMW - 400):** Bobby Blaze b Head Banger Mosh, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Punisher, SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Dirty White Boy & Robert Gibson, Buddy Landel DCOR Tommy Rich

**10/7 Barbourville, KY (SMW - 500):** Chris Michaels b Head Banger Thrasher, Punisher b Robert Gibson, SMW title: Terry Gordy b Brad Armstrong-DQ, Buddy Landel DCOR Tommy Rich, SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers

**10/9 Harlan, KY (SMW TV tapings - 200):** Robert Gibson b Head Banger Thrasher, Buddy Landel b Larry Santo, Flash Flanagan b Tommy Rich, Punisher b Ron Davis, Brad Armstrong b Thrasher, Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Santo & Davis, Gibson b Head Banger Mosh, Flanagan b Rich-COR, Terry Gordy b Chris Michaels, SMW title: Armstrong b Gordy, Heavenly Bodies b Michaels & Wolfman, Armstrong b Santo, White Boy b Tom Prichard, Flanagan b Mike Samples, Gordy b Davis, Punisher b Michaels, Landel b Rich-DQ

**10/13 Oneida, KY (SMW - 250):** Killer Kyle b Chris Michaels, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy, Dirty White Boy &

Robert Gibson b Head Bangers, Buddy Landel DCOR Tommy Rich, Landel won Battle Royal

**10/14 Defiance, OH (SMW - 200):** Bobo Brazil Jr. b Andy Shane, Robert Gibson b K.C. Thunder, D.Lo Brown b Dirty White Boy, Buddy Landel b Tommy Rich, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Al Snow, Thunder won Battle Royal

**10/19 Elkhorn City, TN (SMW - 250):** Robert Gibson b Punisher, Tracy Smothers b Terry Gordy-DQ, SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Dirty White Boy & Smothers, Buddy Landel won Battle Royal

**10/20 Knoxville (SMW Halloween Scream - 500):** Chris Michaels b Head Banger Mosh \*\*\*, Robert Gibson b Punisher-DQ \*\*, Trick-or-treat match: Head Banger Thrasher & Terry Gordy b Brad Armstrong & Wolfman (because of stipulations, Gordy became SMW champion) \*\*1/2, Street fight for SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy \*\*\*\*, Chain match: Tommy Rich b Buddy Landel \*\*\*

**10/21 Morristown, TN (SMW Halloween Scream - 425):** Chris Michaels b Head Banger Mosh \*\*1/2, Robert Gibson b Punisher \*1/2, Heavenly Bodies & Terry Gordy b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy & Brad Armstrong 30:00 \*\*\*1/2, Falls count anywhere: Tommy Rich b Buddy Landel \*\*

**10/26 Morganton, NC (SMW Halloween Scream - 75):** Robert Gibson b Punisher-DQ, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Head Bangers, SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy-DQ, Buddy Landel b Tommy Rich-COR

**10/27 Cookeville, TN (SMW Halloween Scream - 400):** Robert Gibson b Punisher-DQ, Trick-or-treat match: Terry Gordy & Head Banger Thrasher b Wolfman & Brad Armstrong (Armstrong lost fall and was whipped with belt), Street fight for SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers, First blood match: Tommy Rich b Buddy Landel

**10/28 Johnson City, TN (SMW Halloween Scream - 800):** Chris Michaels b Head Banger Mosh \*3/4, Robert Gibson b Punisher-DQ \*, Trick-or-treat match: Head Banger Thrasher & Terry Gordy b Brad Armstrong & Wolfman (Armstrong lost fall and was whipped with belt) \*\*, Double chain match/Robert Gibson ref/SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers \*\*\*1/2, Barbed wire match: Buddy Landel b Tommy Rich \*\*\*3/4

**11/6 Cumberland, KY (SMW TV taping - 200):** Ron Davis b Carolina Kid, Robert Gibson b Bobby Blaze, Sgt. Rock (Miss Texas) b Davis, Brad Armstrong b Head Banger Mosh, Dirty White Boy & Tracy Smothers b Head Bangers, Terry Gordy b Davis, Blaze & Buddy Landel b Tommy Rich & Punisher-DQ, Wolfman b Davis, Flash Flanagan b Head Banger Thrasher, Heavenly Bodies & Robert Gibson b White Boy & Smothers & Brad Armstrong, Rich b Carolina Kid, Landel b Punisher-DQ

**11/9 Lenoir, NC (SMW - 325):** Robert Gibson b Ron Davis, Tracy Smothers b Terry Gordy, Street fight for SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Smothers & Dirty White Boy, Steel Cage match: Buddy Landel b Tommy Rich

**11/10 Oak Ridge, TN (SMW - 125):** Robert Gibson b Flash Flanagan, SMW title: Terry Gordy b Brad Armstrong, SMW tag titles: Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy b Heavenly Bodies-DQ, Tommy Rich b Smothers

**11/11 Morristown, TN (SMW - 400):** Robert Gibson b Flash Flanagan, Non-title loser gets ten lashes: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy, Hospital elimination match for SMW tag titles: Heavenly Bodies b Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy, Cage match: Buddy Landel b Tommy Rich

**11/23 Knoxville (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 1,100):** Flash Flanagan b Head Banger Thrasher \*1/2, Sgt. Rock (Miss Texas aka Jacquelyn Moore) b Wolfman \*1/2, Butch Cassidy b Jim Cornette-DQ \*1/2, Bad street (country whipping) match for SMW title: Brad Armstrong b Terry Gordy to win title \*\*, Buddy Landel & The Bullet (Bob Armstrong) b Tommy Rich & The Punisher \*\*1/2, Robert Gibson & Heavenly Bodies b Ricky Morton & Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy-DQ \*\*\*1/2

**11/24 Barbourville, KY (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder):** Headbanger Thrasher vs. Flash Flanagan, The Wolfman vs. Sgt. Rock, Jim Cornette vs. Butch Cassidy, Lumberjack match: Tommy Rich & The Punisher vs. The Bullet & Buddy Landel, The Heavenly Bodies & Robert Gibson vs. Ricky Morton & Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy

**11/25 Johnson City, TN (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder - 550):** Flash Flanagan b Head Banger Thrasher \*\*\*1/4, Sgt. Rock b Wolfman \*1/2, SMW title: Tommy Rich b Brad Armstrong to win title \*, Butch Cassidy b Jim Cornette-DQ \*\*1/4, Buddy Landel & The Bullet b Rich & The Punisher \*\*, Heavenly Bodies & Robert Gibson DDQ Ricky Morton & Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy \*\*\*1/2

**11/26 Cookeville, TN (SMW Thanksgiving Thunder):** Sgt. Rock vs. Wolfman, Butch Cassidy vs. Jim Cornette, Buddy Landel & The Bullet vs. Tommy Rich & The Punisher, Heavenly Bodies & Robert Gibson vs. Ricky Morton & Tracy Smothers & Dirty White Boy, Entire SMW locker room attacks Cornette, who is then pinned by referee Mark Curtis

#### PROMOTION CLOSES

#### APPENDIX II: SMW TITLE HISTORY

##### SMW HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

1992/05/22	Brian Lee	Knoxville, TN
		Beat Paul Orndorff in tournament final to become first champ
1992/08/08	The Dirty White Boy	Johnson City, TN
1993/04/02	Tracy Smothers	Pikeville, KY
		Held-up 1993/05/15 vs. The Dirty White Boy in Johnson City, TN Smothers won rematch 1993/06/11 in Knoxville, TN
1993/07/17	Brian Lee [2]	Johnson City, TN
1994/02/13	The Dirty White Boy [2]	Knoxville, TN
1994/05/02	Jake Roberts	Harriman, TN
1994/07/05	The Dirty White Boy [3]	Warrensville, NC
		Announced as champion at TV Tapings after having allegedly defeated Roberts

1995/01/28	Jerry Lawler	Knoxville, TN
1995/02/26	Bobby Blaze	Knoxville, TN
1995/04/08	Buddy Landel	Johnson City, TN
		Held-up 1995/07/01 vs. Brad Armstrong in Barbourville, KY Armstrong won rematch
1995/08/12	Brad Armstrong	Johnson City, TN
1995/10/20	Terry Gordy	Knoxville, TN
		Won title in tag match with Headbanger Thrasher over Brad Armstrong & The Wolfman
1995/11/23	Brad Armstrong [2]	Knoxville, TN
1995/11/25	Tommy Rich	Johnson City, TN
1995/11/26	<b>PROMOTION CLOSES</b>	Cookeville, TN
1995/11/27	Brad Armstrong [3]	Memphis, TN
		Armstrong defended the title in Memphis the night after SMW folded
1995/12/26	Jerry Lawler [2]	Louisville, KY
		Title change repeated 1995/12/27 in Memphis, TN
1995/12/30	<b>TITLE ABANDONED</b>	
		Lawler's win was announced on the 1995/12/30 live TV show, but the title was never referred to again

##### SMW TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1992/04/23	The Heavenly Bodies: Stan Lane & Tom Pritchard	Harrogate, TN
		Beat The Fantastics (Bobby & Jackie Fulton) in tournament final to become first champions
1992/08/08	The Fantastics: Bobby & Jackie Fulton	Johnson City, TN
1992/08/10	The Heavenly Bodies [2]	Newland, NC
1992/11/13	The Rock-n-Roll Express: Ricky Morton & Robert Gibson	Harlan, KY
1992/11/26	The Heavenly Bodies [3]	Hazzard, KY
1992/11/27	The Rock-n-Roll Express [2]	Welch, WV
1992/11/28	The Heavenly Bodies [4]	Johnson City, TN
1992/11/29	The Rock-n-Roll Express [3]	Knoxville, TN
1993/01/28	The Heavenly Bodies [5]	Newton, NC
1993/05/15	The Rock-n-Roll Express [4]	Johnson City, TN
1993/06/28	The Bruise Brothers: Ron & Council	Council, VA

	Don Harris		1993/08/16	Jimmy Del Ray	Clinton, TN
1993/09/11	The Rock-n-Roll Express [5]	Morristown, TN		Beat Ricky Morton	
1993/11/24	The Heavenly Bodies: Tom Pritchard & Jimmy Del Ray	Boston, MA	1993/09/13	Robert Gibson	Oakwood, VA
1994/02/18	The Rock-n-Roll Express [6]	Port Huron, MI	1993/09/13	The Dirty White Boy [2]	Oakwood, VA
1994/02/19	The Heavenly Bodies [2]	Taylor, MI	1993/10/04	<b>VACANT</b>	Jellico, TN
1994/04/01	The Rock-n-Roll Express [7]	Pikeville, KY		White Boy vacates title to focus on gaining revenge against Brian Lee	
1994/04/23	Brian Lee & Chris Candido	Johnson City, TN	1993/10/04	Tim Horner [2]	Jellico, TN
1994/08/05	The Rock-n-Roll Express [8]	Knoxville, TN		Beat Juicy Johnny	
1994/08/06	Brian Lee & Chris Candido [2]	Johnson City, TN	1993/12/06	<b>VACANT</b>	Jefferson, NC
1994/08/08	The Rock-n-Roll Express [9]	Saltville, VA		Horner vacates title after being "injured" by Prince Kharis	
1994/10/03	The Gangstas: New Jack & Mustapha Saed	Morgantown, NC	1993/12/06	Tracy Smothers [2]	Jefferson, NC
	The Gangstas were awarded the title after threatening a racial discrimination lawsuit over the referee's decision in a loss to the Rock-n-Roll Express on 1994/09/16 in Knoxville, TN			Beat Chris Candido	
	This was announced on the October 8, 1994 TV show that was taped in September 5, 1994		1993/12/06	Chris Candido	Jefferson, NC
1994/12/24	The Rock-n-Roll Express [10]	Knoxville, TN	1994/01/10	Robbie Eagle	Chilhowie, VA
1995/04/07	The Dynamic Duo: Al Snow & Unabom	Pikeville, KY	1994/02/07	The Hornet (Brian Keyes)	Jellico, TN
1995/07/06	The Thugs: Tracy Smothers & The Dirty White Boy	Jellico, TN	1994/02/07	Killer Kyle	Jellico, TN
1995/08/04	The Heavenly Bodies [3]	Knoxville, TN	1994/03/07	Mike Furnas	Dungannon, VA
1995/11/26	<b>PROMOTION CLOSES</b>	Cookeville, TN	1994/04/04	Bruiser Bedlam	Clinton, TN
			1994/05/02	<b>VACANT</b>	Harriman, TN
	Bedlam had to vacate the title after five successful title matches			Beat Chris Hamrick	
			1994/05/02	Kendo the Samurai (Tim Horner) [3]	Harriman, TN
				Tim Horner was fired by the promotion during May	
				Bobby Blaze played Kendo in the loss to Smothers	

#### SMW BEAT THE CHAMP TV CHAMPIONSHIP

1992/12/12	Tracy Smothers	Morristown, TN	1994/06/07	Tracy Smothers [3]	Loudon, TN
	Beat Jimmy Golden, The Dirty White Boy, and Killer Kyle in an "elimination" match to become the first champion		1994/07/05	<b>VACANT</b>	Warrensville, NC
1993/02/08	The Nightstalker	Jellico, TN		Bedlam had to vacate the title after five successful title defenses	
1993/02/08	Tim Horner	Jellico, TN	1994/07/05	Chris Candido [2]	Warrensville, NC
1993/03/01	Bobby Eaton	Sevierville, TN		Beat Scott Studd	
1993/04/19	Brian Lee	Barbourville, KY	1994/08/08	Lance Storm	Saltville, VA
1993/06/07	<b>VACANT</b>	Cumberland, KY	1994/09/05	Boo Bradley	Cumberland, KY
	Lee had to vacate the title after five successful title matches		1994/10/03	Scott Studd	Morganton, SC
1993/06/07	Bobby Blaze	Cumberland, KY	1994/10/03	Bryant Anderson	Morganton, SC
	Beat The Dirty White Boy		1994/11/07	<b>VACANT</b>	Oakwood, VA
1993/06/28	The Dirty White Boy	Council, VA		Anderson had to vacate the title after five successful title matches	
	Won title while disguised as The Masked Yankee		1994/11/07	Brian Lee [2]	Oakwood, VA
				Beat The Nightmare (Ted Allen)	
1993/08/16	<b>VACANT</b>	Clinton, TN	1994/12/05	Buddy Landel	Princeton, West VA
	White Boy had to vacate the title after five successful title matches		1995/01/02	<b>VACANT</b>	Sevierville, TN

	Landel had to vacate the title after five successful title matches	
1995/02/06	Boo Bradley [2]	Lenoir, NC
	Beat The Wolfman	
1995/02/06	Billy Black	Lenoir, NC
1995/03/06	<b>VACANT</b>	Lenoir, NC
	Black's last match with the company was 1995/03/02 in Caryville, TN The title was declared vacant during the TV Taping	
1995/03/06	Killer Kyle	Lenoir, NC
	Beat Boo Bradley	
1995/04/13	Bobby Blaze [2]	Pikeville, KY
1995/05/20	<b>TITLE ABANDONED</b>	
	Blaze's last defense was 1995/04/13 vs. Al Snow That match aired 1995/05/20 and the title was never mentioned afterward	

#### SMW U.S. JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

1993/09/13	Bobby Blaze	Oakwood, VA
	SMW recognized the title after Blaze allegedly wins tournament in Columbus, OH	
1993/10/04	Chris Candido	Jellico, TN
1993/10/08	Bobby Blaze [2]	Knoxville, TN
1993/10/09	Chris Candido [2]	Barbourville, KY
1993/10/10	Bobby Blaze [3]	Johnson City, TN
	Loses title to Chris Candido 1993/11/05 in Taylor, MI but the title is returned to Blaze due to the show not being promoted by SMW	
1993/11/13	Chris Candido [3]	Morristown, TN
1994/03	<b>VACANT</b>	
	Candido's last defense of the tile was 1994/03/04 in Lenoir, NC with the last mention of him as champ was at a TV taping a few days later	
1994/07/29	Al Snow	Ashland, KY
	Allegedly beat Blaze for the title the previous night in Lima, OH	
1994/07/29	Bobby Blaze [4]	Ashland, KY
	The Snow vs. Blaze situation was created for the SMW show promoted by Blaze in his hometown of Ashland, KY The title was never used after this show	
1994/07/29	<b>TITLE ABANDONED</b>	

#### WWA CHAMPIONSHIP

1993/05/17	Chris Candido	Harlan, KY
	When Candido arrived in SMW, he brought the WWA Title belt that he said was recognized as a world title in New Jersey However, he never did hold that title	
1994/04	<b>TITLE ABANDONED</b>	
	While Candido carried the belt almost all year, it appears his last defense was in June 1993. It was last mentioned around the time he and Brian Lee won the SMW Tag Team Title	

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